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STRIKING STATEMENT BY VICEROY.

THE ATTAINMENT OF DOMINION STATUS IMPLIED.

SWARAJISTS SATISFIED.

The Viceroy's Proclamation conveying the view of the British Government that it is implied in the Declaration of 1917 that the natural issue of India's constitutional progress is the attainment of Dominion Status, has created a profound impression throughout India.

The leaders of all shades of political opinion meeting in Bombay have expressed satisfaction with the statement, and appreciation of the invitation to a conference in London, while one of the keenest opponents to the Simon Commission, interviewed in London, declared that the Proclamation largely meets the viewpoint of the Indian Liberals.

It is anticipated that the threat of mass civil disobedience made by the National Congress will now be averted.

There is one curious development. It is stated that Sir John Simon, whose suggestions led indirectly to the Proclamation, has expressed disapproval of the step taken. The Conservatives, naturally, are also in opposition.

DISAPPROVAL IN LONDON?

London, Oct. 31. The Proclamation by Lord Irwin, the Viceroy of India, dealing with the question of the grant of Dominion Status, arises out of the extension of the scope of the inquiry of the Indian Statutory Commission to include the relations between British India and the Indian States.

Lord Irwin mentions that Sir John Simon, the chairman of the Commission, has pointed out in correspondence with the Prime Minister that he and his colleagues have been greatly impressed in considering the future constitutional development of India, with the importance of bearing in mind the relations which may develop between British India and the Indian States.

Sir John Simon's Suggestion.

In Sir John Simon's judgment, it is essential that the methods whereby this future relationship may be adjusted should be fully examined, and he has suggested that after the Statutory Commission and the Indian Central Committee have made their reports, the British Government should meet representatives of both these two constituent parts of Great India for the purpose of seeking the greatest possible measure of agreement for the final proposals of the British Government.

The Declaration of 1917.

"With these views," the Viceroy continues, "I understand His Majesty's Government are in complete accord. The road of the British policy in India was stated in the Declaration of August, 1917, to be that of providing for the gradual development of self-governing institutions with a view to the progressive realisation of responsible government in India as an integral part of the British Empire.

"My own instrument of instructions expressly states it is His Majesty's will and pleasure that the plan laid by Parliament in 1919 (Government of India Act) should be the means whereby British India may attain its due place among the Dominions.

"The Ministers of the Crown, moreover, have more than once publicly declared that it is the desire of the British Government that India should, in the fullness of time, take her place in the Empire in equal partnership with the Dominions.

Implicit Interpretation.

"But, in view of the doubts which have been expressed both in Great Britain and India regarding the interpretation to be placed on the intentions of the British

Government in enacting the Statute of 1919, I am authorised on behalf of His Majesty's Government to state clearly that, in their judgment,

it is implicit in the declaration of 1917, that the natural issue of India's constitutional progress as there contemplated is the attainment of Dominion Status.

"In the full realisation of this policy it is evidently important that the Indian States should be afforded an opportunity of finding their place, and even if we cannot at present exactly foresee on what lines this development may be shaped, it is from every point of view desirable that whatever can be done should be done to ensure that any action taken now is not inconsistent with the attainment of the ultimate purpose which those, whether in British India or the Indian States, who look forward to some unity of all India have in view.

The Best Approach.

"His Majesty's Government consider that both these objects, namely, that of finding the best approach to the British Indian side of the problem and, secondly, of ensuring that in this process the wider question of closer relations in the future between the two parts of Greater India is not overlooked, can best be achieved by the adoption of procedure such as Sir John Simon has outlined.

"When, therefore, the Commission and the Indian Central Committee have submitted their Reports, and these have been published, and when His Majesty's Government have been able, in consultation with the Government of India, to consider these matters in the light of all the material then available, they will propose to invite representatives of the different parties and interests in British India, and representatives of the Indian States, to meet them separately or together as circumstances may demand, for the purpose of conference and discussion in regard both to British India and all Indian problems.

General Assent.

"It will be their earnest hope that by this means it may subsequently prove possible on these grave issues to submit proposals to Parliament which may command a large measure of general assent."—British Wireless.

London, Oct. 31. It remains to be seen whether the Government's olive branch to India will avert the threat of the National Congress to indulge in mass civil disobedience and to proclaim India's independence on January 31 in the event of De-

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WAR OF ATTRITION IN HONAN?

SEVERE CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES.

BIG KUOMINCHUN ADVANCE STAYED FOR PRESENT.

BATTLE STILL RAGING.

Shanghai, Nov. 1. Reliable reports reaching Shanghai from Honan state that serious fighting is raging on a wide front. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek hastened from Hankow to Hsuehchow yesterday as the situation yesterday morning was reported to be serious owing to the considerable progress made by the Kuominchun following the capture of Tengfeng.

Later reports, however, indicate that the situation has improved for the Government as fresh Nationalist troops have been despatched to the danger points and are holding their positions against heavy onslaughts.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Nov. 1.

The Kuominchun offensive has been extended and official despatches from Honan reveal that the casualty lists on Wednesday and yesterday were exceptionally heavy, trebling those of the previous days.

Chengchow Bombed.

Kuominchun aeroplanes bombed the Nanking positions in the vicinity of Chengchow, but after a number of residences had been destroyed, the raiders were driven off by Nanking armies.

Recent movement behind the Kuominchun lines indicate that a big offensive towards the Honan-Hupoh frontier is to be expected within the next two or three days. An attack on Hsiangyang is reported to be imminent, and a heavy drive for Hankow is certain to follow.

General Liu Chun-yang's forces have reinforced the army of General Hsu Yuen-yuen, which was badly smashed in the Kuominchun attack on Tengfeng. The Kuominchun troops, who had laid siege to Liyue, have been forced to give ground before attacks by a superior force.

General Hsu's Report.

A brief message from Lin Yue headquarters to Nanking reads:

"The troops of the 48th Nanking Division under General Hsu Yuen-yuen, assisted by the Division of General Liu, engaged in violent attack on the Kuominchun and drove them back to districts about ten miles from Lin Yue. Heavy casualties were suffered by both sides."

Battle for Hsuehchow.

It is reported that during the great offensive of Monday, the Kuominchun captured Hsuehchow. It is reported that large Nanking reinforcements have reached this battle area and two whole divisions are now engaged in an attempt to recapture the city. Furious attacks have been repulsed with heavy loss, though the Kuominchun losses are reported to be extremely heavy also.

In a war of attrition round Hsuehchow, the Nanking troops are bound to win as their numerical superiority is reported to be nearly three to one.

Chiang's Plans.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left Hankow yesterday morning at nine o'clock travelling on the Peking-Hankow Railway for Hsuehchow. His hurried departure indicates the critical situation in the battle zone and the apprehension of the Nanking Army leaders.

He will personally conduct the operations against Hsuehchow, and if successful, he will visit Chengchow and Loyang where heavy battles are stated to be in progress. Up to the present, the war has favoured the Kuominchun, though the Nanking troops are defending their positions stoutly and exact heavy penalties where ground is given.

Loyang to Fall?

Shanghai, Nov. 1. General Tang Seng-chi, Com-

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NEW FRENCH PRIME MINISTER?

M. CLEMENTEL ABANDONS CABINET MAKING.

M. TARDIEU TAKES ON.

Paris, Oct. 31. M. Clementel's efforts to form a Cabinet have been exhausted and he has abandoned the task. President Doumergue has invited M. Andre Tardieu, who was Minister of the Interior in the late Briand Government, to undertake the responsibility.

The President has thus moved from the Radical side of the Government towards the Centre, and it is believed that there is better prospect of success.

If M. Tardieu succeeds, it will be his first Premiership, though he has taken a very important part in French politics since the war. During the peace negotiations he was the right hand man of M. Clemenceau, whose views he often voiced in the Chamber and in whose last Cabinet (1918) he was Minister for the Liberated Regions.

As a member of thirteen out of the 26 commissions of the Peace Conference, he was the chief framer of the Treaty of Versailles—notably of its reparations clauses and the Saar regime. He is proud of the prominent part he played in the drafting of that Treaty and set forth his share in it in his book "La Paix" in 1921.

In 1924, he joined M. Poincaré's Ministry and as the mouthpiece of the French Coal-mining Trust, in April 1927, he proclaimed that its object was to boycott British coal exports.

When M. Poincaré returned his Cabinet in November last year, he made M. Tardieu Minister of the Interior—the first holder of this important office for 30 years who was not a Radical. He retained the office under M. Briand.—Reuter and I.B.S.

ATTEMPT TO REACH THE EMPEROR.

YOUTH STOPPED FROM A DIRECT APPEAL.

Tokyo, Nov. 1. While the Emperor was proceeding to the Meiji Shrine Stadium for the purpose of attending an athletic meeting for the first time since his accession to the Throne, a youth belonging to a reactionary organisation jumped out of the crowd and attempted to make a direct appeal.

Police intervened and arrested the youth before he was able to reach the Imperial car. The police are closely examining the young man but have not yet discovered the nature of the appeal which was to have been made.—Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA.

COMPULSORY SYSTEM TO BE SUSPENDED.

Canberra, Oct. 31. Mr. Scullin, Australia's new Prime Minister, has announced that pending consideration of defence questions, the compulsory military training system will be suspended.

The system in vogue up to the present day has made military training compulsory, but has been restricted to youths between the ages of 18 and 20.—Reuter.

GASTONIA MURDER VERDICT.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION INTERVENES.

Gastonia, Oct. 31. K. Y. Kendricks, one of the seven textile strike leaders sentenced to imprisonment for the murder of the Chief of Police, has been released under a bond of \$2,000 supplied by the American Civil Liberties Union.

An appeal will be lodged regarding his case. The other men convicted are still in jail.—Reuter's American Service.

LABOUR'S MINING PROPOSALS.

COLD SHOULDER FROM THE OWNERS.

STRONG CRITICISM BY THE MINERS' EXECUTIVE.

DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

London, Oct. 31. The fear that the Government would encounter difficulties regarding their proposals for improving conditions in the mining industry is being realised. Neither the miners nor the mine-owners are disposed favourably towards the scheme.

The owners disapprove on the ground that the export trade would be badly hit. The miners are dissatisfied with the concessions granted, point out that there is no guarantee of a maintenance wages, and demand pension provisions.

The leaders of the Miners' Federation and the principal mine-owners met in London to-day, separately, to consider the Government's proposals regarding the mining industry.

As reported yesterday, the Government propose to reduce the hours of labour by half an hour daily, to nationalise mining royalties, granting compensation to the owners, and to impose a levy on output to assist the export trade.

Still Negotiating.

An official statement was promised in the House of Commons regarding the matter to-night, but when the question was put, Mr. Philip Snowden, the acting Leader of the House, declared that a statement could not be made at present as the negotiations were not finished.

When enquiries were made of the coal-owners after their conference to-day, a statement was issued to the effect that the proposals were so grave that they were unable to comment upon them for the present.

Cold Reception.

The coal-mining proposals have met with a cold reception from the owners, who criticise them for the effect they would have on the export trade.

It is also understood that the Miners' Executive in the course of a three-hour conference with the cabinet Coal Committee yesterday, criticised the absence of a definite assurance that the reduction of hours would not be accompanied by a reduction in wages.

The miners' officials also remark on the omission of any reference to pensions for aged miners or of a new Minimum Wage Act as an alternative to a National Agreement.

The Miners' Executive do not view with favour the deferment of the first instalment of the hour's reduction until April.—Reuter.

INDIAN AIR SERVICE EXTENSION.

MORE DIFFICULT THAN AT FIRST ANTICIPATED.

London, Oct. 31. In the House of Commons to-day, the Secretary for India said, in reply to a question, that the Government of India had found it more difficult than they anticipated to inaugurate air services from Karachi to Delhi and Calcutta, but they still hoped that the first flight from Karachi to Delhi would be made this year.—British Wireless.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET FOR THE DELEGATES.

London, Oct. 31. At a meeting of the City Corporation this afternoon, it was decided to extend invitations to the delegates attending the Naval Conference in London, in January next, to a reception and banquet in the Guildhall.—British Wireless.

REFUSING TO STOP FOR FARE.

KOWLOON BUS DRIVER FINED THIS MORNING.

FREQUENT OFFENCE.

A summons for refusing to admit and carry a fare was brought against the driver of a bus belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, the case being heard before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

According to one of the company's ticket holders, he signalled the defendant's bus to stop opposite Wing Lok Building but the driver continued on his way. Although the "Bus Full" sign was displayed, there was room in the vehicle.

Witness boarded a China bus and followed the defendant's vehicle to the ferry. At the Y.M.C.A. one of the passengers alighted but when counted at the ferry there were only 18 passengers on board whereas the bus was licensed to carry 24.

In reply to the charge the driver said that the conductor had signalled him to proceed, at the same time informing him that the bus was full.

In registering a conviction his Worship pointed out that if he blindly accepted the conductor's word he would have to take the consequences. It very often happened that buses refused to stop for passengers, his Worship remarking that it had happened to him.

His Worship said he would take into consideration the fact that the conductor was as much if not more to blame than defendant, and imposed a fine of \$5.

FAILURE OF DANISH FOLKEBANK.

RECONSTRUCTION REGARDED AS FEASIBLE.

Copenhagen, Oct. 31.

A financial expert who has been enquiring into the affairs of the Folkebank, which closed its doors and suspended payment a week ago, is of the opinion that reconstruction is feasible.

Negotiations are now proceeding with the big banks.—Reuter.

Later. As a result of the negotiations with the banks, the Folkebank is re-opening to-morrow. The share capital will be reduced by forty per cent.—Reuter.

CHANNEL TUNNEL RUMOURS.

PREMATURE TO SAY SCHEME IS IMPRACTICABLE.

London, Oct. 31.

Statements were published yesterday that the Committee appointed last March by Mr. Baldwin to consider the economic aspects of the Channel Tunnel was about to submit its report to the Government, the conclusions of which were unfavourable to the tunnel as a commercial proposition. It is now officially stated that the Committee has reached an advanced stage of its inquiry, but has not in fact come to any decision on the terms of its report.—British Wireless.

IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR PARLIAMENT.

DISARMAMENT AND SOVIET RELATIONS.

London, Oct. 31. Mr. Philip Snowden, acting leader of the House of Commons, stated to-day that it had been arranged that the Premier should make the statement on his visit to the United States and Canada next Tuesday.

After the Premier's statement had been disposed of, the House would consider a motion in the name of the Foreign Secretary concerning the resumption of normal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government.—British Wireless.

REDUCTION IN THE BANK RATE.

WELCOME SURPRISE TO THE CITY.

NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS SUIT.

STOCK MARKETS BUSY.

London, Oct. 31.

The decision of the Directors of the Bank of England to reduce the bank rate from six and a half per cent. to six per cent. came as a welcome surprise to financial circles, where it has not been expected that the rate would fall for some little time yet.

When the rate was increased by one per cent. on September 26th, it was explained that this was due to the continued withdrawals of gold from the Bank of England.

Gold and N.Y. Slump.

In fifteen weeks, the Bank had lost more than £30,000,000 in gold to the Continent and to the United States. Obviously the raising of the rate has had the intended effect of stopping the flight of gold.

Another factor that made the lower bank rate possible was the tremendous slump on the New York Stock Exchange, which has had two effects, advancing sterling value, and sending much gold back to England.

When the decision became known there was a general marking up of prices on the Stock Markets, particularly of British Government securities.

Business Brightens Up.

Even bankers were taken unaware by the reduction, it is learned. The announcement was immediately followed by an influx of orders at the Stock Exchange.

The change is welcomed as a relief both in industrial and financial circles where the reduction is thought to be probably the outcome of co-operation with New York. It is anticipated that the New York Federal Reserve Bank will shortly follow suit.—Reuter and British Wireless.

New York Follows Suit.

New York, Later.

The Federal Reserve Bank has announced a reduction in the discount rate to five per cent. This was anticipated when it became known that the Bank of England had announced a reduction of the bank rate.

There was tremendous excitement on the Stock Exchange to-day, intensified rather by the delayed opening, which was ordered to give bankers and dealers an opportunity of clearing up. The Exchange is to be closed all day to-morrow and Saturday for the same purpose.

Spectacular Opening.

The opening at noon to-day was one of the most spectacular ever witnessed.

Scores of popular stocks opened from five to twenty points above yesterday's closing prices, revealing the greater confidence.

More remarkable still, no fewer than 2,500,000 shares changed hands in the course of half an hour's trading!

The pace of course was too hot to last and with the float of selling, the strong feeling could not compete, stocks losing half their gains by 12.30 p.m.

Bullish Atmosphere.

Later.

Despite the violence of the day's movements, stocks held fairly well all day long, although the great majority closed at prices below the highest levels for the day.

The selling, however, was well absorbed and the atmosphere at the close was distinctly bullish.

Later.

Beside the decrease in the bank rate another bullish factor on the Stock Market was the weekly report which showed a record-decrease of over £1,000,000,000 in brokers' loans.—Reuter's American Service.

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GET A BOTTLE TO-DAY!

LOCAL HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATION.

SCOTTISH VOLUNTEERS HOLD DINNER.

In the flag-bedecked drill hall at Volunteer Headquarters last night, the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps celebrated the ancient festival of Halloween at a dinner, attended by most of the Company and by a very large number of guests.

With the Union Jack at one side of the room, and the noble standard, with its rampant lions, at the other, with its rows of white mess jackets, stars gleaming on many shoulders, and relieved here and there by the dark blur of a black dinner coat, the drill hall was an ideal setting for a festival that was both military and traditional to Scotland.

All Hallows' Eve—that is Halloween's full title—is a festival old as Scottish history itself, dating back to pre-Christian times. At one time the festival was held by the Druids, in the belief, that Saman, lord of death, called together the evil spirits that filled the bodies of earthly animals. In later years, while still retaining a religious aspect, it became more in the nature of a holiday, and is an ideal night for a Scottish military volunteer force to foregather for merriment and song.

Visitors Welcomed.

The menu consisted entirely of Scottish dishes, and was, as one gentleman smilingly remarked, even printed in the Doric. Of course, it did not fail to include the traditional haggis, which was piped in with customary ceremony, the piper leading the way, followed by the bagpipers of the haggis and the barley hree, which was issued, according to traditional custom.

Following the last course, of an excellent menu, Lieut. H. R. Forsyth gave the toast of the guests. In doing so he spoke of the rapid progress the Scottish Company was making with machine-gun firing, and said that he hoped it would not be long before they were as proficient with the machine-gun as they had been with the rifle. Lieut. Forsyth said that he would like to express his gratitude to Mr. A. H. Ferguson, the President of the St. Andrew's Society, for saying that he thought it the duty of every Scot in the Colony to join the Company.

The K.O.S.B., said Lieut. Forsyth, had proved good friends to the Company. It had been a privilege to train with such a fine regiment. Once they had even fired against them on the range, and had not done so badly. At all events, said the speaker, the Company could always claim the distinction of having mounted guard with the K.O.S.B., at Edinburgh Castle—during the Taitto!

Call for Recruits.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, replying on behalf of the guests, said that if he had known what a fine time was in store for him he would have written a speech that would have taken him an hour to read. In order to thank his hosts, he knew, he said, that many Englishmen, told the most atrocious stories about haggis. Well, tonight he had not been able to get more than two helpings, so what must the Englishmen have been doing? After all the trouble the Scots went to, to spread stories about haggis amongst the Englishmen, they could get only two helpings. Why, everyone knew that the object of spreading the stories was so that the Englishmen at such a function as this would take only one helping of haggis, and leave the rest for the Scottish element. (Laughter.)

In an earnest plea for more volunteers to join the Scottish Company, Mr. Ferguson pointed out that there must be many young men in the Colony who could wear the kilt. Perhaps some of them did not like to join because they thought the training too arduous, he suggested. Well, that was not the case. It would be a good thing if young men could see such gatherings as this, when officers and men mingled together in so fine a spirit of comradeship. Again, there were men in the Colony eligible to join, who have

LATE MRS. BENSON.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Benson, who died at Shamen on Tuesday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday, the Rev. C. B. Shann conducting the burial service.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Watson (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. E. Benson and Mr. Oscar Benson (eldest and second sons respectively). Sympathisers present included Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. D. Gourdin, Mrs. and Miss B. Bragg, Mrs. E. Abraham, Mrs. Pasmore, Miss Edna Carroll, Mr. C. Kew, Mr. A. W. Smith, Mr. F. P. Lenfestey, Mr. J. J. Saunders, Mr. R. Drude, Mr. C. Mackenzie, Inspector C. Pain, Mr. W. Goldenberg, Mr. H. P. Harris, Mr. Wallace J. Hansen and Mr. W. J. Carroll.

A large number of wreaths were sent.

had some military training. Their very presence would help to make the training even less arduous.

The Company, said Mr. Ferguson, was dear indeed to the Scottish community. They liked to see the Company on review, and the sight of the kilt on such occasions was indeed one to gladden their hearts. It was a real pleasure to see them.

When their Scottish battalion, the K.O.S.B., left, said Mr. Ferguson, the Company would stand even greater in the eyes of the community, as they would then be the only Scottish unit in the Colony. More recruits would compensate for the removal of the K.O.S.B. from the Colony. The Scottish nation, he said, had always been in the forefront during wars of every kind, and he hoped to see the fine spirit of the nation kept up.

The speech was loudly applauded. Mr. Ferguson then announced that Major Craik, C. O. of the 2nd K.O.S.B., would address the gathering. The announcement was received with a great ovation.

Major Craik's Speech.

In a soldier-like speech, Major Craik pointed out that the regular army to-day was fading away. This was so, he said, after every war. People could trace events away back to the Napoleonic wars, the South African, and other wars, to find the old statement that the army was expensive and useless, and must be cut down.

Thus it came about that for Empire defence to-day, greater reliance than ever was placed upon the Volunteer and Territorial forces. In the event of a national disaster, the regular army would be just strong enough to fill the trenches until the Volunteers and Territorials had time to get into action and back them up.

Lieut. Forsyth had thanked his regiment for the aid they had rendered the Company, said Major Craik. Well, in a way that was selfish, for the more assistance the regulars gave the Volunteers, the quicker they could come to help them in time of war. It was for this reason that he always liked to attend Volunteer and Territorial dinners, because of the fine helpful spirit shown. He expressed the hope that the very fine Company would get an even greater number of members.

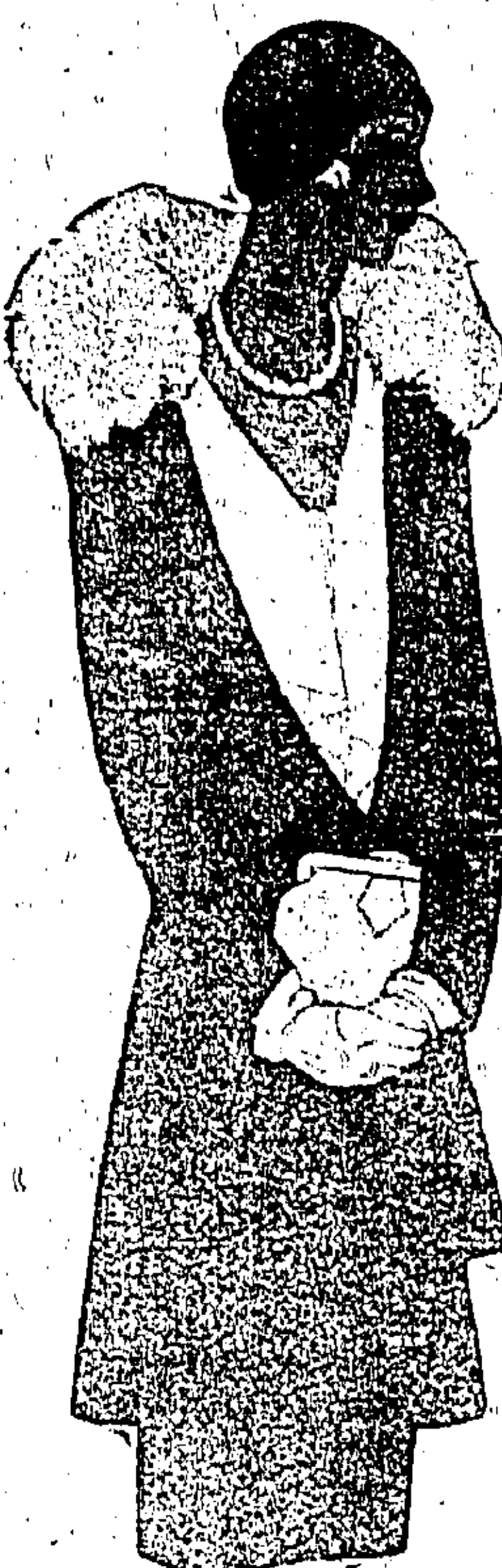
The K.O.S.B.'s Thanks.

Major Craik said that he had to thank Hongkong, and particularly the Volunteers, for the splendid manner in which they had treated his battalion. He himself had only just arrived, but for some time past it had been his duty to edit the Borderers' paper. In this way he had come across many paragraphs from Hongkong, thanking the residents and the Volunteers for all they had done for the troops.

They could rest assured, said Major Craik, that his men would not quickly forget all that had been done for them. They were going to India, a country of political unrest, where they would often think of happy times in Hongkong. In conclusion he called upon every

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Immediately the Major had pro-
posed the toast, every Borderer in
the room—there were four or five
officers, the Regimental Sergeant
Major, and a number of Sergeants
—sprung upon their chairs, and
with one foot on the table shouted
the strains of "They are jolly good
fellows."

It was the last toast of the even-
ing, and was a fitting finale to the
pleasures of the dinner. After this
the old Halloween game of dipping
for apples was indulged in until the
gathering broke up.

Many musical items were render-
ed during the evening, and the

most appreciated turn was "A Few
Stories" from Mr. R. Sutherland.
His stories were all Scottish, and
kept his audience in laughter for
half an hour or more. Others who
kept the entertainment ball rolling
were—Messrs. G. McLeod, E. W.
True, V. C. Labrum and D. Harvey,
all of whom were extremely well
received.

The Bill O' Fare.
The following was the excellent
bill of fare:

"The Pipes:—'Brose an' Butter.'
"Some hae meat an' canna eat
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an' can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit."
Scotch Broth.

"Then first an' foremost thro' the
Kail."
Tawties an' Herrin'.
"Bonnie fish an' halesome farin'.
Haggis.
"Great Chieftain o' the puddin-
race."
Roastit Lamb.
Roastit Tawties, Kail aff the
run, Bashed Neeps.
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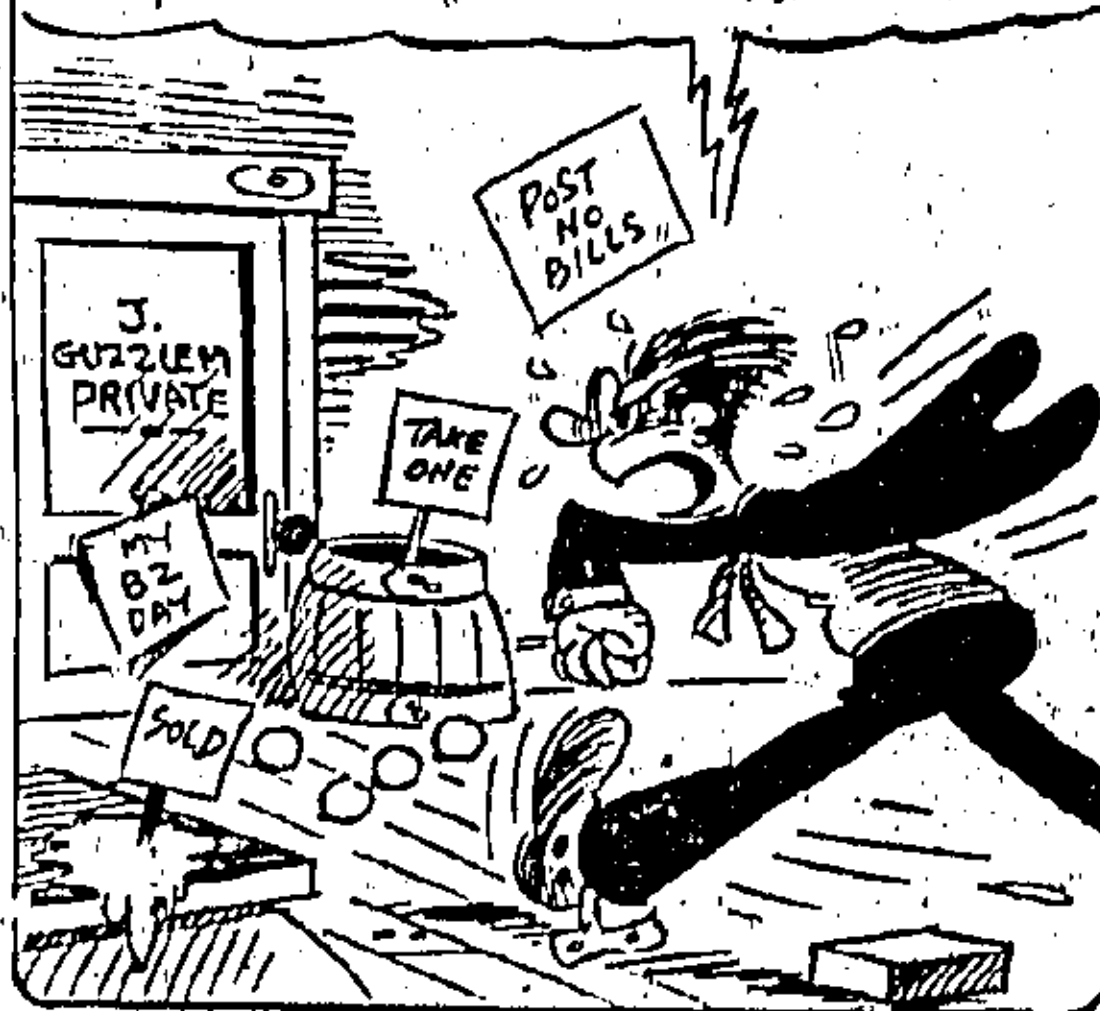
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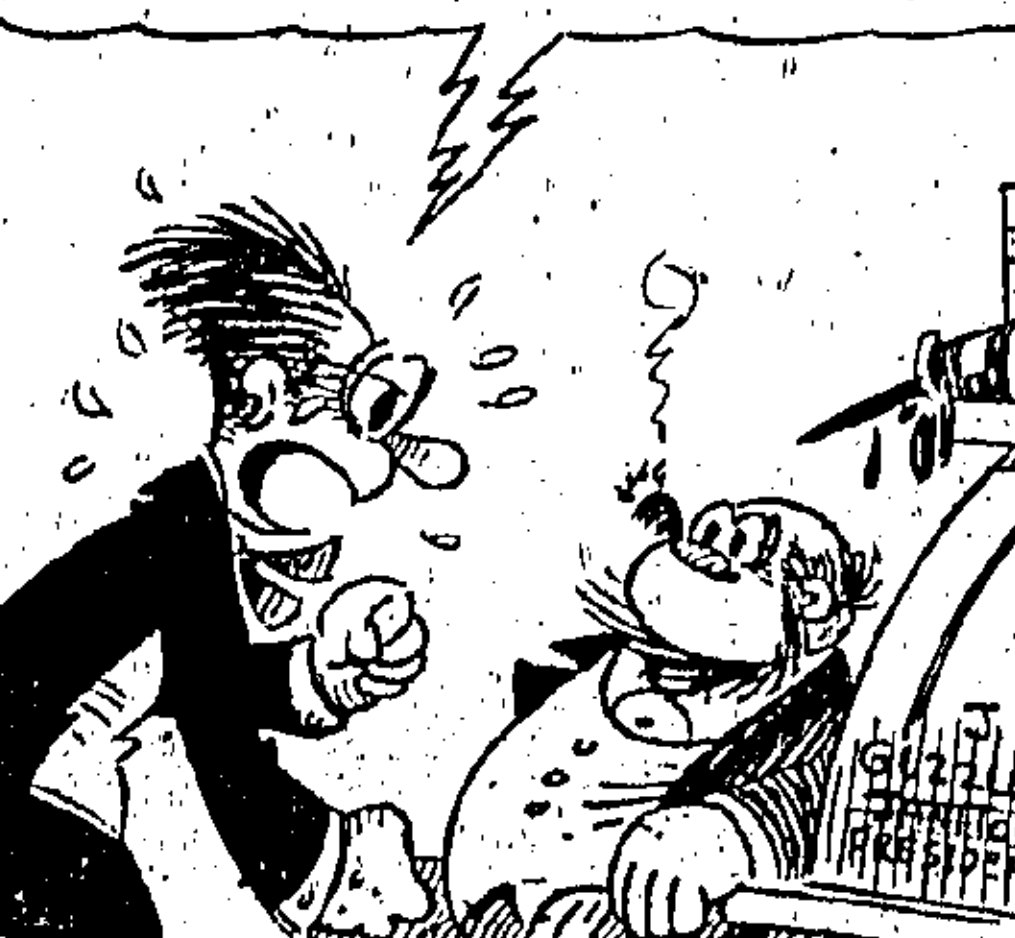


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SHRIMP! HIT HIM FOR A
RAISE AND ALL I GET
OUTA HIM IS—WELL—
ER—AH—HUM!!



THAT'S TOO BAD,
SAM! BUT,
AT THAT, GUZZ
IS A GOOD
EGG!



By Small

YEAH—BUT I'LL BE DARNED IF I CAN
GET HIM TA COME OUT OF HIS SHELL!





The International Track and Field Meeting at the Canidrome, Shanghai, recently, brought forth the pick of Shanghai's runners and field performers. The members of the United States Marine Corps carried off practically all the plums. The top photograph shows many of the performers after the opening ceremonies waiting for the events to begin. The lower picture shows the officials responsible for conducting the meeting in the centre of whom is Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, who opened the meeting.



The start of the 100 Yards and the Finish of the hurdles



Our photos show (left) Mr. R. G. McDonald, who has been elected Vice-President of the St. Andrew's Society of Shanghai and (right) Mr. J. A. Urquhart, Honorary Secretary of the organization. The annual ball will be held at the Majestic Hotel on November 29.



Sir George Wilkins and his bride, formerly Miss Suzanna Bennett.



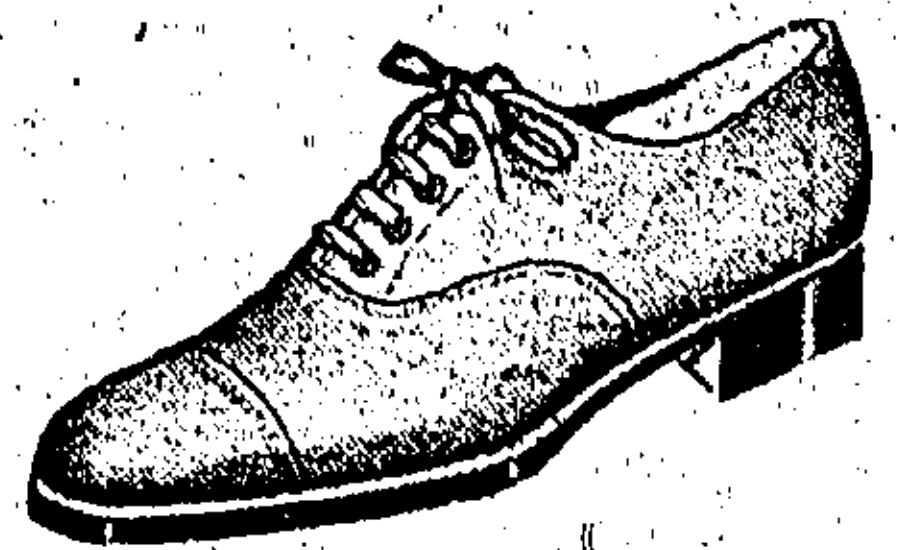
Here are some of the competitors at the International Track and Field Meeting at the Canidrome. These athletes are about to start on a mile run and all appear to be happy over their respective chances.



An elaborate ceremony marked the launching of the Minchuan, the new Chinese gunboat, at Kiangnan Docks recently. Mrs. Ho Ying-ching, wife of General Ho Ying-ching, Inspector General of the National Army, christened the ship, while Admiral Chen Shao-kuan, Vice-Minister of the Chinese Navy, officiated. Prominent members of both the Chinese and foreign communities attended the ceremony, at which the above group was taken.

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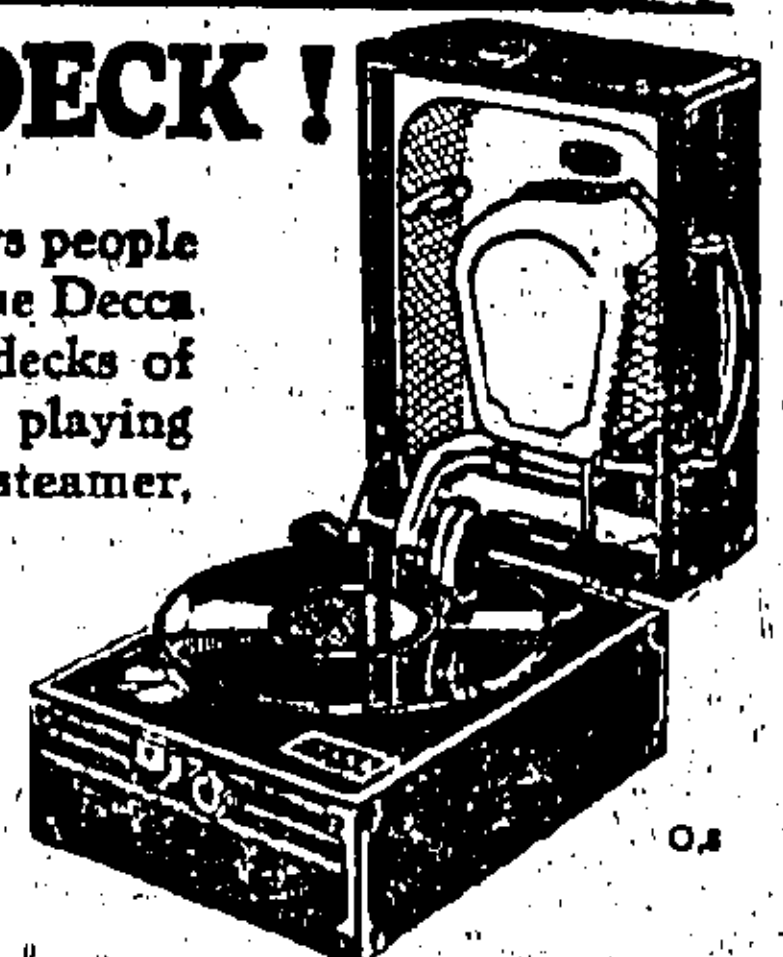
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Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the Eighth Extra Race
Meeting to be held on SATURDAY,
16th November, 1929. (weather
permitting) may be obtained at
the Race Course, Hobykang Club
and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries close at 12 o'clock noon
on TUESDAY, 5th November, 1929.

NOTICE.

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances, Mrs. C's "kiddies" party
for Nov. 2nd will be postponed to
a future date.

**THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.
HONG KONG**

The Fourth Payment of School
Fees is due on November 1st.
This is a good time for New Boys
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**THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.
HONG KONG****THE SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY
COMMEMORATION.**

Saturday, November 2nd, 1929.—
Visit of H. E. The Governor of
Hongkong, Sir Cecil Clementi
K. C. M. C. 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Games and Tea. 5.15 to 6 p.m.
—The Ceremony in the Hall.

Sunday, November 3rd, 1929.—
7.45 a.m.—Holy Communion—
in the School Chapel. 11 a.m.
Special Service in St. John's
Cathedral. Preacher—The
Headmaster.

Tuesday, November 5th, 1929.—At
Home. 7 to 9 p.m.—Chinese
Concert. 9 to 9.30 p.m.—
Gymnastic Display. 9.30 to 12
Midnight—Dancing and Re-
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The cost of each number will be
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A. H. CROOK,
G. A. C. HERKLOTS.
Hongkong, 20th Oct., 1929.

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lony of Hongkong, on Tuesday the
Fifteenth day of October, 1929, at
11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for
the purpose of considering and if
thought fit passing the following
Resolution as an Extraordinary
Resolution, namely:—

"That the capital of the Com-
pany be reduced from \$400,000.00
divided into 40,000 shares of
\$10.00 each to \$200,000.00 di-
vided into 40,000 shares of \$5.00
each and that such Reduction be
effected by cancelling the capital
which has been lost or is unre-
presented by available assets to
the extent of \$5.00 per share
upon each of the 40,000 shares
which have been issued and are
now outstanding and by reduc-
ing the nominal amount of all
the shares in the Company's
capital from \$10.00 to \$5.00 per
share."

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO
GIVEN that a Second Extraordi-
nary General Meeting will be held
at the same place on Monday, the
Fourth day of November, 1929, at
11 a.m. for the purpose of receiv-
ing a Report of the proceedings
at the above mentioned Meeting
and of confirming if thought fit
as a Special Resolution the above
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the goods have left the Godowns and
all goods remaining undelivered after
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subject to sale.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godown,
where they will be examined by
Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the
6th November, 1929, at 10 a.m.
All claims against the vessel must
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before the 11th November, 1929, or
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THE EXTRALITY**QUESTION.****AMERICAN SCHEME FOR
SOLUTION.**

Kyoto, Oct. 31.
The American delegation to the
Pacific Relations Conference dis-
tributed a paper on extrality in
China, prepared by Professor J.
T. Shotwell, a member of their
delegation. This paper will form
one of the bases of discussion
when the subject of China's for-
eign relations comes up for con-
sideration in the course of the next
few days.

After pointing out that the re-
cent British and American replies
to the Chinese Note on extrality
narrowed down the issue to one of
disatisfaction with the Chinese
judicial system, Mr. Shotwell's
paper tackles this problem and
offers a "suggested solution."

The remedy lies, he says, in a
more enlarged conception by
China of legal reform. Ready
made codes cannot but prove
incomplete and inadequate. Neither
European nations nor the
United States depended on ready
made codes. Their present sys-
tems were evolved slowly, accord-
ing to changing experience.
China's system should, therefore,
be more than a code. The juristic
claims of foreigners should be
met not as a condition of their
renunciation of extrality but as a
natural completion of China's own
legal reform.

Special Courts.

Upon notification by China to
the Powers of the inauguration of
this enlarged reform, negotiations
might proceed to the final point
of the formal renunciation by the
Powers of extrality.
Mr. Shotwell then proceeds to
outline in very general terms, the
legal system which might be adopted
experimentally for five or ten
years after the termination of ex-
trality. He proposes a number
of special courts in half a dozen
places, including Shanghai, Can-
ton, Hankow, and Tientsin, and at
least one Court of Appeal. These
courts would be for foreigners
and Chinese alike.

The term "courts" is used to
indicate a complete unit for the
administration of justice. "It in-
volves articulation, with adequate

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phic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.
Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are for-
warded via Siberia if so superinscribed.

Christmas and New Year Parcel Mail for Great Britain.
Christmas and New Year Parcel Mail for Great Britain will be closed
in the General Post Office at 5 p.m. the 8th November per s.s. Macedonia.
This mail is due in London on the 13th December.

It is believed that the air mail closed for London on 4th October and
due to leave Karachi on 20th October has been destroyed as a result of
the wreck of the "City of Rome" aeroplane last Saturday. A further
announcement will be made as soon as definite news is received.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Santos Maru	November 1
Europe via Negapatam, (letters only)		
London 2nd October	Malaya	November 1
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	November 1
Shanghai	Nagore	November 1
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	November 2
U.S.A. (San Francisco Oct. 4)		
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Johnson	November 2
Europe via Negapatam, (papers only)		
London 2nd October	Hongkong	November 2
Canada, (Victoria B.C., Oct. 8) and		
Japan	Tyndareus	November 3
Manila	President Pierce	November 3
Australia and Manila	Tanda	November 4
Canada, (Victoria B.C., 17 October)		
U.S.A. (San Francisco Oct. 9)		
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Emps. of France	November 4
U.S.A. (San Francisco Oct. 11)		
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	November 4
Amoy	Pres. Jackson	November 4
Japan and Shanghai	Takada	November 4
Salgim	Andre Lebon	November 5
U.S.A. (Seattle, 19th October)	Chenonceaux	November 5
Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	November 8
Australia and Manila	Taipung	November 8
Shanghai	Calchas	November 12

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the
time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised
to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.
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For	Date and Time
Manila	Dianna Dollar, Fri., Nov. 1 3.38 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming, Fri., Nov. 1, 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Havardot, Fri., Nov. 1, 5 p.m.
"Straits," Ceylon, South Africa and	
"South American Ports"	Santos Maru, Fri., Nov. 1, 5 p.m.
"Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
East and South Africa, Aden,	
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru, Sat., Nov. 2

	K.P.O.
Registration Nov. 1, 4.30 p.m.	
Letters Nov. 2, 9 a.m.	
G.P.O.	
Registration Nov. 2, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters Nov. 2, 9.30 a.m.	
(Due Marseilles 1st December)	
Nagore	Sat., Nov. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Luchow	Sat., Nov. 2
Chungking	Sat., Nov. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Antung	Sat., Nov. 2, 5 p.m.
Kwangchow	Sun., Nov. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Iyo Maru	Mon., Nov. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Hydrangea	Mon., Nov. 4, 2.30 p.m.

	K.P.O.
Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Pierce, Mon., Nov. 4
Parcels	Nov. 4, 3 p.m.
Registration	Nov. 4, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 5, 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco 27th November)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce, Mon., Nov. 4
Letters	Nov. 4, 5 p.m.
Hohow	Kwang Tung, Tues., Nov. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang, Tues., Nov. 5
Parcels	Nov. 5, noon
Letters	Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang, Tues., Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
"Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
East and South Africa, Aden,	
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon, Tues., Nov. 5

	K.P.O.
Registration	Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Registration	Nov. 5, 1.45 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 5, 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 6th December)	

	K.P.O.
Fort Bayard, Hohow, Pakhoi and	
Haiphong	Tonkin, Tues., Nov. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Chenonceaux, Tues., Nov. 5, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of France, Tues., Nov. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Waishing, Tues., Oct. 5, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hosang, Tues., Nov. 5, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Takada, Wed., Nov. 6
Parcels	Nov. 6, noon
Letters	Nov. 6, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Linan, Wed., Nov. 6, 8.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang, Thurs., Nov. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow, Thurs., Nov. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching, Fri., Nov. 8, 1 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Hosang, Fri., Nov. 8, 5 p.m.
"Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
East and South Africa, Aden,	
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia, Sat., Nov. 9

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Registration	Nov. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 9, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Registration	Nov. 8,

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RUGBY UNION.

FRENCH CRITICISM.

Paris, Sept. 27.
Commenting on the international Rugby Board's invitation to send a referee to officiate in the Rowland Hill Memorial match at Twickenham on October 5, the newspaper *L'Auto* says: "Had the board accorded us a few places in the teams it would have shown that they think us worthy of inclusion among the best European Rugby players. The Dominions have been trying to gain recognition longer than we have, but are no more advanced. Great Britain has been transformed politically, at least, in appearance, but in sport still adheres to extreme traditions."

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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

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(By Shirley Cooke.)

Although so many jersey fabrics are woven to represent hand-knitting, the actual hand-knitted garment remains most popular. Geometrical arrangements of contrasted colour insertions are still smart, and the newest models are fashioned with an amusing high-waisted effect.

Patou's designs are shaped rather like Russian blouses. One pretty set of his, carried out in green and white, comprised a high-waisted sweater, knitted in a green and white ribbed pattern, and a cardigan with a white border. Most of his sweaters are patterned, and his coats plain.

A Chevron Model.

Chanel is a devotee of a more complicated design, as often as not her knitted sets being of fabric from her own looms, undetectable from hand-made wear. A chevron design is a great favourite of hers, and one which gives her ample opportunities for original hemlines. Light navy and grey, and beige and red, two shades of each colour being delicately but definitely blended together, are the most usual colour schemes. Sweater, coat and hat scarf are all shown to match.

Charming Designs.

Philippe et Gaston are showing some attractive and copyable designs of geometric persuasion. One, in white, was bordered with navy round the hem and sleeves. It was inset in front with a band of red, stretching from the hem half-way up the bodice. Here it was embroidered with an initial.



A two-piece suit of outstanding interest is developed in russet brown wool crepe. The frock is smartly trimmed with inset bands of self material, and made with the fashionable hip-yoke from which the skirt falls in four plaits in front and quite flat at the back. A russet-brown velvet collar finishes the tailored coat.



A lovely little dinner gown in "sunburn" chiffon printed with a conventional design in shades of brown and dark red. Dark red ring velvet forms the deep hems to the flared panels, the narrow belt, and the softly swathed scarf.

It was accompanied by a triangular scarf with a red and blue border. A green design was bordered with bands of grey and black. It was finished with a green, black, and white and grey scarf.

Martial et Armand show hand-knitted sweaters with pleated crepe de Chine skirts. Three or so cleverly blended colours are responsible for the sweaters, which are faithful to geometric designs.

Doeuillet-Doucet are still displaying amusing picturesque models. One in white, loosely knitted, was finished with large blue sailing ships across the front, rocking on a shaded blue sea. It is amazing how anything to do with ships seems to intrigue us. There was a handbag to match, many designs being thus completed.

and both youth and age hide their charms with powder and rouge.

Artificial methods in everything are fashionable.

The gardens at Auteuil bloom with potted flowers. The pots are buried in the turf so that the lawns may be gay with roses, bush dahlias, fuchsias, and the like. Hedges of privet sprout hydrangeas and geraniums, with clipped yew trees at the top. Round a giant chestnut tree deep in shade creeps a Dorothy Perkins in full bloom, with her feet well hidden under begonia and foliage. So in the same spirit do girls and women array themselves for society calls, until the real woman is hard to discover. All look, so like the image which that Nebuchadnezzar of our days, the dressmaker, has set up.

Where Nature holds back her hand, the dressmaker, the milliner, the beauty specialist, advance theirs. Fashion it is who makes a woman beautiful (as she sees beauty) to-day. And Fashion has shot her bolt.

Like Fire, she is a good servant, but a cruel master. When women dress up to their natural charms they stand a chance of being beautiful, since Nature can be generous, but when a woman has to arrange her complexion to suit her dress, she tempts providence and more often than not she brings Art and Nature into collision and achieves mediocrity.

Finding Beauty.

An artificially beautiful woman is as unsatisfactory as an artificially arranged garden. Both need the help of art, neither may be slaves to the one or to the other. To practise self-discipline and find the happy middle path which leads to harmony of body, mind and spirit, is to find beauty. Fashion is too powerful in the world of women to-day for women to be beautiful, and without realising it women have given too much attention to the dictates of Fashion and too little to the eternal qualities of Nature.

Then there is mind. Without a beautiful mind behind it, no face is really beautiful, and it is the beauty of the mind which wins and keeps the worth while things of life.—MOMA CLARKE.

True Beauty.

THE CURSE OF ARTIFICIALITY

Never have women paid more attention to dress than they do now. Never have the dressmakers been as clever as they are at present.

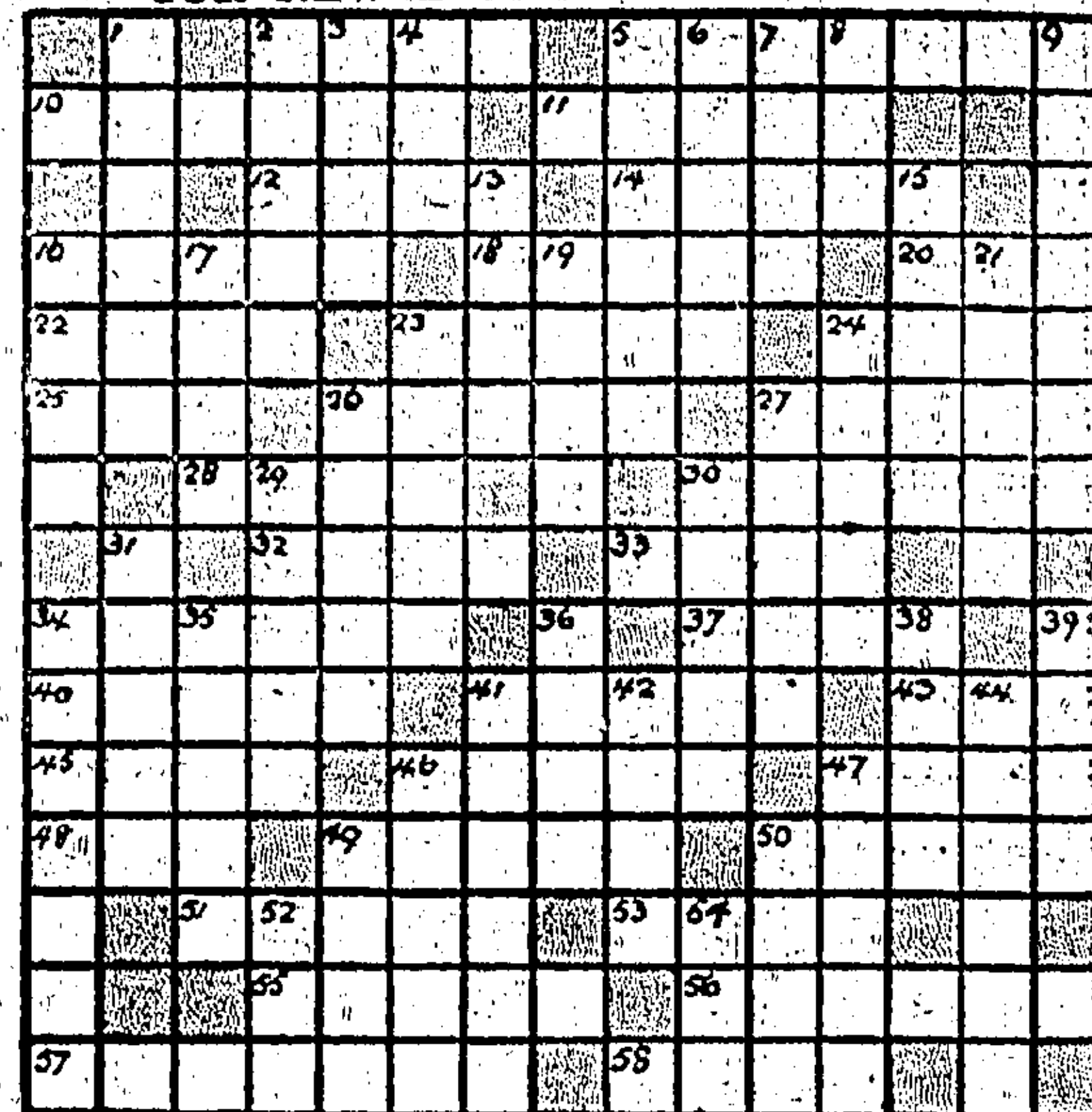
The world of women is said to dress better, spend more money on doing it, than it did in its grandmothers' time, and yet, when you go to the races, the opera, or to any of the traditional haunts of fashionable women, you come away with the impression that most women are badly dressed and plain into the bargain.

The older generation says: "In my young days girls were simple, pretty and young. Now they are certainly not simple, and since they make-up so much they look old before their time. Their clothes, too, are as sophisticated as those worn by their mothers, so that sometimes you can't tell 'tother from which."

A Cruel Master.

This may be an exaggeration of existing conditions, but it is true that women make up their faces from the age of eighteen to eighty.

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9 Venerates.

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A HEALTH COUNCIL.

HONGKONG'S CONTRIBUTION.

Supplementary expenditure amounting to \$23,173 was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) presided.

In regard to a contribution of \$302 to the Office International Publique, Paris, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked what this was for.

The Chairman.—It is a very old-established body and works in connexion with the League of Nations.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—Is it an annual contribution?

The Chairman.—I can let you have all the information about it.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.—Your explanation that it is an old institution and that we have subscribed previously, is sufficient.

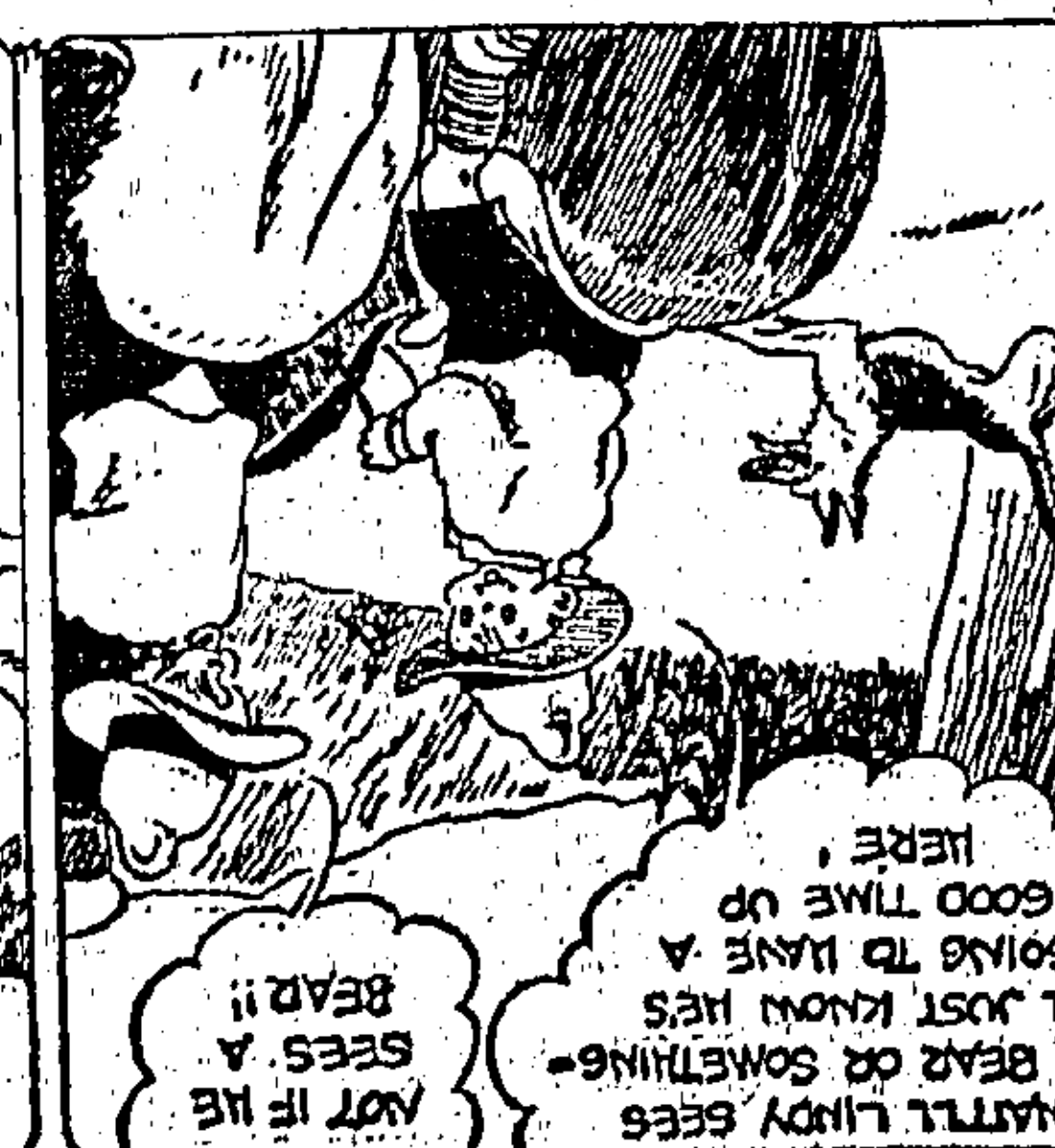
The Chairman.—It was established in 1903. The Committee is recognised as an advisory health council to the League of Nations. It is a larger and a more representative body than the League's health organisation. At present there is only one British member on the Health Committee of the League of Nations while, on the Committee of the Office International, whether acting independently or as an advisory health council of the League the absence of representatives with experience of

British colonial medicine and tropical diseases, tends to make the representation of the British Empire one-sided and deficient. There are strong arguments in favour of British representation. Its original object as described in the resolution was briefly to collect and collate information as to the progress of infectious diseases and to publish periodical reports of its work. Representation would involve the payment of fifteen units equivalent to 9,375 gold francs, which may be roughly estimated at £375. It was thought that the best arrangement would be to invite some of the larger colonies and those which are most likely to be interested in the work of the Office to contribute an equal share of the subscription. Promises of contributions of approximately £25 per annum have already been obtained from Ceylon, Nigeria, Straits Settlements and Kenya and the Secretary of State desires to know whether the Hongkong Government will be prepared to contribute this sum or slightly more. If this arrangement can be completed it is contemplated that the representation of the colonies on the permanent committee should be undertaken in the first instance by Sir William Prout.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.—That is from the Secretary of State.

The Chairman.—Yes. Apparently we did subscribe before. I think it is well worth it.

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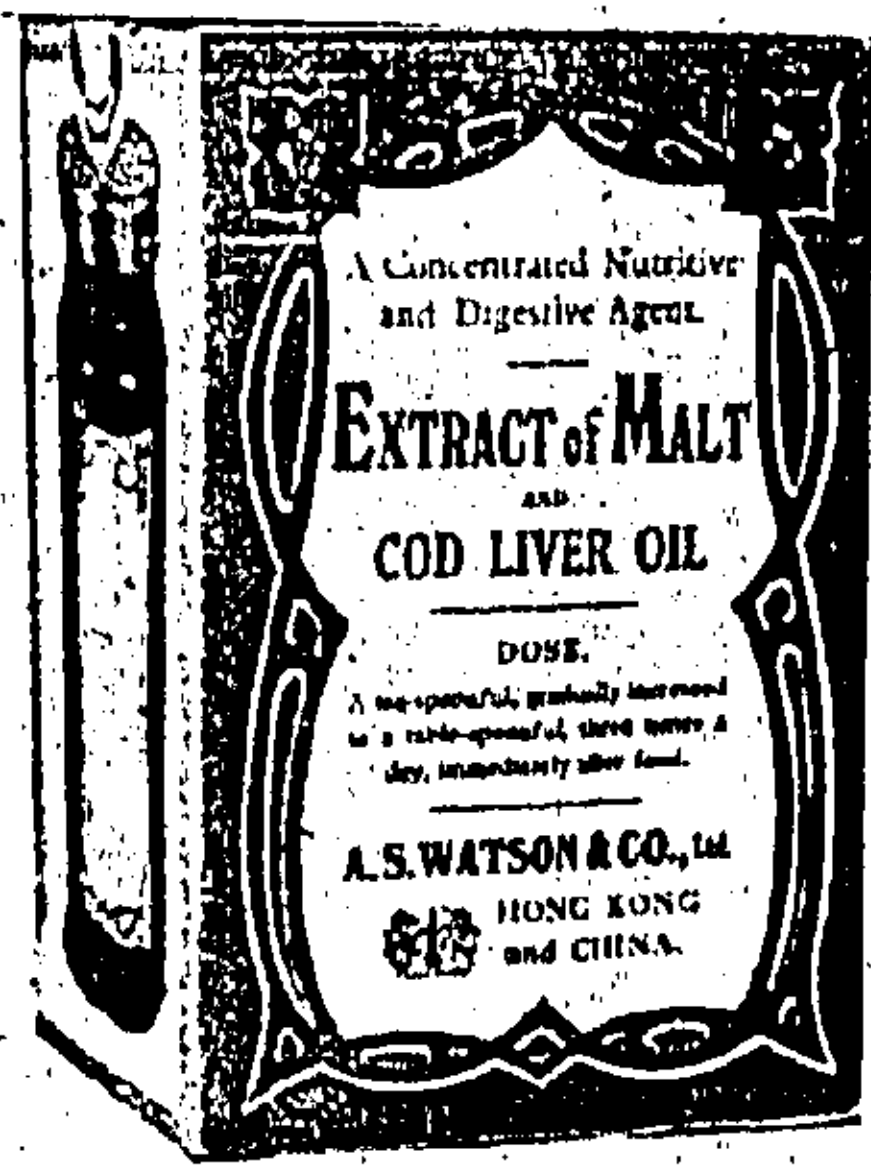
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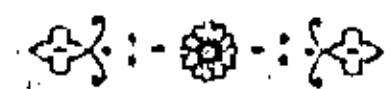
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INDIA'S FUTURE.

A Proclamation which may mark a turning point in the history of India is being issued to-day by the Viceroy. It deals with the question of Dominion Status for that great country, and inasmuch as the leading Indian politicians, including Gandhi, are said to have favourably received the information issued to them regarding its purport, there would seem hopes for believing that a very definite step forward is now likely to be made on the problem which has caused so much heart-burning and which has been proved to be bristling with difficulties. Some surprise will be felt that the Proclamation should be issued before the report of the Simon Commission has been made public, and we had hoped that the decision may have been reached by common agreement between the leaders of all three political parties at Home, inasmuch as they had been in consultation on another aspect of the Indian problem, namely, the question of bringing the Indian States within the terms of reference of the Simon Commission. But it appears that the Government has made this new venture off its own bat, and that the expediency of the move is being questioned.

It may be taken for granted that this matter of Dominion Status for India has been exhaustively explored by the members of the Simon Commission, the chief feature of whose work has been to examine the extent to which it is desirable to extend, modify or restrict responsible government. Long before the Commission was appointed, the British Parliament enacted a statute which regulated the conditions under which India might learn by actual experience whether or not the Western system of representative government was the most appropriate means through which she might attain responsible self-government within the Empire. That Act never professed to incorporate irrevocable decisions, and it recognised that the position must of necessity be reviewed in the light of fuller knowledge gained by the lapse of time. The task of the Simon Commission has been to report on the progress made and to outline the best method of meeting Indian aspirations. Neither its terms of reference, nor its procedure, were approved by many Indian political leaders, and it is now old history how the Commission was boy-

cotted and all manner of obstructions placed in its path. Lately, however, there has appeared on the part of the extremists a greater disposition to face the actual facts, until the impression has been produced that such differences as exist are more on method than on principle, and that there is little, if any, disagreement as to the goal which all desire to reach.

By the time these lines appear in print, the text of Lord Irwin's Proclamation may be made known, but, writing without knowledge of its actual contents, we can only express the hope that the declaration will be the cause of bringing rulers and ruled closer together, and that the way will be opened up for very real co-operation in the interests of the country and the Empire alike. The Simon Commission went to India with the blessing of all the political parties at Home, the Indian question was by common consent kept out of politics during the recent General Election, and we should like to think that, whatever the latest development may be, there will be no attempt to make India a political shuttlecock. History may be made to-day. Let us hope that it will be history signalling a new and better era in the relations between India and the leaders of the great British commonwealth of free people.

Dumping in Britain.

The assertion that no practicable measures can be taken in England to combat the dumping of German bounty-fed wheat is one which should be closely scrutinised before acquiescence. A study of German trade in cereals over a period of years rather suggests that the market for German wheat is very elastic and that it would probably very soon be diverted elsewhere in the event of even slight deterrent steps by the British Government. In 1913, for instance, no less than 250,000 metric tons, or near half the total wheat exports of Germany, went to France. After the war, France took practically none until 1928-29, when she took some 35,000 tons. France may therefore be presumed to have again become a potential customer. Italy took 138,000 tons in 1925-26, practically none for two years; and then reappeared in the statistics with 34,000 tons in 1928-29. In 1927-28 when the dumping of wheat was checked by normal factors, Poland suddenly came into the market and took a large supply which otherwise would most certainly have gone to Great Britain. These instances tend to show that the market for German wheat is by no means stable and that there is no specific reason why free-trade Britain should always prove the principal customer. Latest estimates, we learn, place the crop for 1929 at 1,150,000 metric tons, which is less than in any of the previous four years except 1925. Other things being equal, therefore, a falling-off in the dumping during the current cereal year should be noticed, and it may be that Sir Edward Liffie is flogging a scarcely kicking horse. On the other hand, the recent increase in the German tariff, and automatically of the bounty, is encouraging to exports. It is satisfactory, however, to note that Mr. Noel Buxton, is examining the situation with the object of finding a means of action which would not be contrary to the principle of the non-taxation of food-stuffs. No hint is given of the process he would apply, but no doubt it is clearer in his mind than it was made to the House.

21 YEARS' AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended October 31st, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9½d.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro was admitted to practice at the Supreme Court.

Miss Storr, a lady missionary of Victoria Home, Ma-tau-chung, was walking with six Chinese girls near the Home when she was attacked by four men and robbed of a satchel containing \$300.

Dr. Sven Hedin, the well-known explorer, arrived in Hongkong.

The 3rd Batta. of the Middlesex Regiment gave a spectacular lantern slide show at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on the eve of their departure from the Colony.

The Hongkong Post notified that henceforth no postage stamps bearing the Queen's head would be on sale.

DAY BY DAY.

POLITENESS IS BENEVOLENCE IN LITTLE THINGS.—Lord Chatham.

The Mercantile Bank of India has opened new branches at Kuala Lumpur, in Kelantan, and at Kuala Lipis, in Pahang.

The League of Nations Opium Commission which recently arrived in Singapore is due to leave that port for Hongkong on January 4th next.

Among the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia yesterday were Capt. and Mrs. E. C. Etherington, Mr. J. Gubbay, Miss N. C. Pakenham Walsh, and Col. G. R. V. Steward.

On a charge of stealing a broom from outside a shop in Shanghai Street, a Chinese was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant had one previous conviction for unlawful possession.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Pictures of Topical Interest To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will contain two pages of pictures of topical interest illustrating the events of the past week.

Sports pictures will be numerous, including a number taken at last Saturday's Race Meeting; the Rugby match between the Club and H.M.S. Berwick; the ladies' tennis semi-finals; the Spey Cup and lawn bowls singles championship finals; the K.O.S.B. polo team which won the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup; and officials and football players of the China Athletic Association. There will also be a number of other interesting pictures, including photographs taken at the Oktoberfest celebrations by the German community in Canton, and a picture of the wedding of Mr. Lau Mei-yan and Miss Ho Yuk-chung.

Suicide is suspected in connection with the death of Lui Wing-on, aged 20, who, according to the report of Captain MacKenna, master of the s.s. Charles Hardouin, jumped overboard on October 26th, whilst the ship was making a down-river trip from Canton.

Owing to their absence, two Chinese had their bail of \$10 each exonerated when they failed to answer charges of causing cruelty to geese by failing to provide the crate with matting, when the cases were mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The London correspondent of the Ceylon Independent, cabling to that paper the news of Sir Hugh Clifford's retirement, added that Sir George Maxwell was being mentioned as Sir Hugh's probable successor as Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner for the Malay States.

The President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association are to be "at home" to members and their friends at the Helena May Institute on the 20th instant. Tea will be served and there will be an address by Professor L. Foster on "The Religious Factor in Education."

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Reader in Biology at the Hongkong University, gave a broadcast talk on local orchids on Wednesday night. Dr. Herklots, who mentioned that he had been in the Colony almost exactly a year and had discovered about thirty-five species, described an interesting climb up Victoria Peak in search of these beautiful and curious plants.

The following police officers are going on home leave by the s.s. Macedonia which sails from Hongkong on November 9: Detective Sergeant E. R. Clome (No. 7), Detective Sergeant C. T. Eyrton (Central), Mr. L. H. C. Cuthbert, A.S.P., Kowloon, Traffic Sgt. J. Serim (Yaumatei) and Sgt. M. Flaherty (Central). Nine police recruits are on their way to the Colony on board the s.s. Mantua which is due to arrive on November 20.

Relatives yesterday identified the bodies of the three young Chinese women whose bodies were recovered from the harbour. The names of the women are given as Li Chai-yuk, Chung Shun-foon, and Ko Ming. The trio resided on the third floor of No. 23, Belchers Street, Kennedy Town, which is a place occupied by a number of young amahs. The three women are said to have been maid-servants who came down recently from Canton to find employment here. The suicide theory is now accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Deflated Dollar.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The opinion expressed in my last letter of 30th ult. that owing to the depreciation of the dollar increase prices for imported commodities are justified has evoked one further question from "Puzzled," whether an immediate demand for increased salaries would be justified too. This is certainly a problem which concerns a great part of the local community at present.

As this Colony depends on imports for most of its requirements, higher prices for imported goods naturally mean an increased cost of living. It is only fair that all wages should be raised accordingly. This would not constitute any additional burden to the employers, because a depreciated dollar, and higher prices mean an increased turnover in Hongkong dollars if the same volume of business is handled as before. A bigger turnover will yield a higher profit, and thus the employer will be enabled to increase all wages accordingly.

"Puzzled" was quite right in remarking that the knowledge of a workman is a marketable commodity, and there is certainly no reason why wages should not be increased, if prices for all other commodities rise. However, the position of a foreign employee, who came here on a fixed contract for a period of five years, is somewhat different. If I said before that a retailer is justified in increasing his prices at present, this referred, of course, to unsold goods only. If a merchant has sold goods on a contract basis for forward delivery, he has to deliver those goods at the contracted price and at the contracted time, even if such fulfilment of his contract means a loss to him. Now, the employee is the man who "sold" his working ability to a firm at a fixed salary for "delivery" during a period of five years. When closing such contract the employee must have been aware that his salary would be paid in a silver currency which is liable to fluctuate. There is no doubt that with a low valued dollar and an increased cost of living he is the loser; but on the other hand, with a higher valued dollar and reduced cost of living, he would have been the winner. Closing a contract for a period of five years is always a kind of speculation, unless the seller is certain that the value of the commodities he is undertaking to deliver during this period will not change. If an employee did not want to run the risk connected with a fluctuating silver currency, he should have insisted upon his salary being fixed on the basis of a gold currency.

This is the point of view if one sticks to the letter of the contract. But this does not change my opinion that every fair and reasonable thinking firm should be willing to raise wages in accordance with the rising cost of living in order to avoid unreasonable hardships being inflicted upon their employees.

Though it is not connected exactly with the above question, I would like to take this opportunity to voice my opinion that it would be in the best interest of the greatest part of the population living and trading in this Colony, if all the instability connected with a silver currency be eliminated by converting some into a gold currency. I have reason to believe that this would by no means be detrimental to the trade passing through this Colony. But it would not be in the interest of local banks and speculators, and that may be the reason why it is said to be "impossible."—Yours, etc.,

INFLATION.

Hongkong, Nov. 1st, 1929.

Sir,—I think that it must be generally agreed that the main reason for the drop in Exchange is that the price of bar silver has gone down, in other words, there is no demand for silver.

Now, what we want to know is how to put the Hongkong dollar in its rightful place and thereby stop all this premium business?

To do this we must first of all request the Hongkong Government to pass an Ordinance that—

(1) The reserve against bank-notes be all in silver.
(2) Free import and export of bullion without any permits.

The subsequent result of this will be that the millions of Sterling securities lodged with the Government by the Banks against bank-notes must be sold, (and the Banks might be given six months in which to do this) and silver should then be bought with the proceeds causing a rise in the price of bar-silver (Exchange up!).

I want it to be distinctly understood, that we in Hongkong cannot rule the world's silver market, but I honestly think it to be the duty of our Government and the Banks to do their share in maintaining that demand for silver, since the Hongkong currency is on a silver standard. We in Hongkong cannot sit on the fence—we must be either silver or gold, and this fifty-fifty reserve against our bank-notes is artificial and must be remedied.—Yours etc.,

V. A. Y.

Hongkong, Nov. 1st, 1929.

The Very Idea!

There is a dress reform movement in Switzerland, and the pansy take it very seriously. William Tell, they argue, and all the Swiss heroes wore loose knickerbockers, while the long trousers now generally worn were only introduced with the French revolution in imitation of the pantalons. Now they want knickerbockers and bare knees again, and whilst at work in the open air they are beginning to wear the minimum of clothing.

This summer's heat has greatly favoured the movement. At many schools just now the boys wear nothing but light white knickerbockers at gymnastics, and the girls also are barelegged and wear costumes resembling bathing suits. There was some opposition against these dresses, especially from the Catholic clergy, but without much success. The custom of abolishing stockings has made much progress this summer.

"You're the lucky one to-day," remarked my bus conductor as he handed me my ticket, says a writer in a Home paper.

"How's that?" I inquired, whereupon he pointed to the ticket's number—7777.

"One in a million," he exclaimed, "and most people who get that one are careful to keep it. It's supposed to bring you luck."

Superstition dies hard, even in this enlightened age, I thought. But I kept the ticket, all the same. I haven't yet come into a fortune.

(Every salesman is an actor, says Mr. Holbrook Jackson.)

Though he's handsome—as Novello, and would make a good Othello,

He's as light as any dancer in revue.

And enunciates so plainly that Du Maurier or Ainslie Might do worse than keep his talent well in view.

He's persuasive, energetic, languid, loud or sympathetic, And when humour is demanded—It is there.

Word and action synchronising, so it's really not surprising He can sell those socks at half-a-crown a pair.

Lying is all very well, if you lie well, but if you don't it is better to tell the truth.—A witness at Tower Bridge.

Willesdon Magistrate: Husbands who desert their wives and go to Scotland are immune; there is no law to bring them back.

Man at Tottenham: The fact that the policeman stopped me proves that I was committing an offence.

Mr. Mead, the Marlborough-street magistrate. Bostal is a public school and all the inmates are treated as if they are scholars at a public school.

There is always a shortage of waiters in London in June and July as the men go to the seaside.—A witness at Marlborough-street.

Much disappointment is felt that Miss Varney Hancock Cashmore, the barmaid at the Marlborough Arms, Banbury, who recently conducted the service and preached the sermon at Banbury Unitarian Church, was unable to do so again. She deputised one Sunday for the minister, who is away on holiday. She is 26 years of age and has a beautiful voice.

"It was a most interesting experience," she said, "and I should not mind repeating it. I did not feel the least bit nervous."

"As the subject of my sermon I selected 'Religion in the Church,' and I feel that I made a good impression on the congregation. It has always been my ambition to be a preacher."

WHO WAS?

TARAKEE.

The philosophy of the Western nations sees no merits in eccentric and useless forms of self-discipline, such as are practised in the Orient, and the name of Tarakee is not honoured in our midst.

In certain parts of India, however, this same Tarakee is revered as a most holy man. He is reputed to have lived to the age of eleven hundred, and to have practised a different form of mortification each century.

During the first hundred years of his earthly life, for instance, he spent his waking hours standing on one foot, with arms upraised to the sky. For the whole of the next century he walked on tiptoe. At other periods of his existence he suspended himself head downwards from a tree, or buried himself up to the chin in the earth.

These singular devotions, none of which contributed anything whatever to the welfare or happiness of mankind, are to a certain extent significant of the general negative trend of Oriental religions.

DRIVER APPEARS IN COURT.**LICENCE MAY BE CANCELLED FOR LOITERING.****TOUTING FOR FARES.**

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, with loitering whilst driving a public car, No. 677, but after stating that he accepted the evidence of the prosecution as correct, and that he considered the defendant was very uncertain as to his movements at the particular time, the magistrate deferred his decision *sine die*, and asked the C.S.P. if he would cancel the defendant's driving licence.

An Indian police sergeant related the facts, which were that the accused, was loitering near the Chinese Recreation Club. Four times he returned slowly to the place and pulled up near the gate and called out to people to hire the car. The third time he did this, witness warned him, but he continued the offence.

The defendant said he had never driven an Indian-owned car, as alleged. He had driven several public cars, but had not been in charge of a regular one recently.

Sudar Khan, the owner of the car, produced a paper with the accused's name written on it, but said he could not swear that defendant was the man who drove the car.

After reviewing the evidence, Mr. Hamilton said he had no reason to disbelieve the Indian police sergeant. He was of the opinion that the man was driving the car, and that defendant was very uncertain as to his movements at the time. He appeared to be one of those men who wandered about from car to car.

His Worship added that he would ask the C.S.P. to cancel the man's driving licence, and would defer his decision *sine die*.

SILENT FILM V. "TALKIE."**BERLIN TEST OF BRITISH VARIANTS.**

In order to throw light on the comparative merits of silent and sound films, the Soddilm Company gave last night a special performance of the British International Pictures film, "Blackmail," first of all in the silent version and then as a "talkie."

There was an invited public of over 1,000 persons, among whom the British colony in Berlin was strongly represented, though, of course, cinema proprietors, and others particularly interested in the film largely preponderated. It was evident from the comparative volume of applause that the silent version was the more popular, and this was confirmed by a plebiscite in which 685 were found to have voted for the silent film and 430 for the "talkie."

When we come to the critics, we find complete unanimity in favour of silence, as far as "Blackmail" is concerned. They readily admit that the silent version was favoured by the fact that it was shown first and that the "talkie" was in English, but they come to their conclusion independently of these circumstances. Several of them observe that the sound merely served to hinder the flow of the action, and to give to otherwise stirring scenes an impression of length which induced boredom.

Need of New Technique. One critic roundly characterises the sound version as "the latest invention working with methods long obsolete in the theatre." Another probably strikes at the point of the matter when he says, "The silent version of the film is in all respects superior to the talking, it is more compact and more artistic. The sound imports disturbing effects without otherwise adding any valuable artistic qualities. But that of course, is no condemnation of the sound film in general, which can achieve quite other purposes than merely to impart dialogue and sound to the silent film."

"The sound film must aim at artistic effects of its own, such as the enhancing of reality through emotional singing and so forth, if it is to enrich the silent film. The world of the silent film itself signifies the idealisation of reality, out of which we are rudely torn when these dumb figures suddenly begin to emit broad Cockney."

It may be added that the critics unanimously preferred the German orchestral accompaniment of the silent film to the music incorporated in the sound version. As for the film itself, apart from problems of sound and silence, the critics are not impressed by the story, though they tend to admire Mr. Hitchcock's production, which, one of them says, somewhat descendingly, shows that the British film industry, though young (in ideas), is "coming on."

PECULIAR ARREST.**JUNK ROBBERY OF 1927 HAS SEQUEL IN COURT.**

After a period of nearly two years an alleged robbery and kidnapping, which occurred on board a salt junk off the Su Ku Chau Island, has culminated in the arrest and appearance before the Magistrate of three men, who were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith yesterday afternoon with being concerned in the outrage.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared on behalf of all three defendants.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector Dorling, who said that on December 3, 1927 the Yeung Ip Lee trading junk was on a voyage from Cheung Chau to Chinese Territories with a cargo of salt. The owner of the junk was a man named Yeung Tai-hi but the crew belonged to somebody else.

When the junk was about 200 yards to the West of Su Ku Chau Island it was hailed by some people on another boat, the strangers later boarding the salt junk. The master and the crew of five were bound while the junk was sailed away to a place known as Ko Lan which is about a mile West of Macao.

Proceeding, the prosecuting officer said it was alleged that the men were kept in captivity for periods varying from a few days to seven months. The master of the junk was detained for a few days while one of the foks, who would be called, was in captivity for seven months.

Master Released.

The master, Yeung Tai-hi, was released by the robbers to return to his country or to wherever he liked to obtain ransom for the release of the other members of the crew of the pirated junk. The master, however, never got the ransom nor did he go back and, as a matter of fact he did not even make a report of the occurrence to the Police.

It was from the foki, who was to give evidence, that the Police learned of the robbery; he making a report on his return to Hong-kong seven months after the occurrence. The report was made at the Cheung Chau Police Station and at that time it was thought that the incident had taken place in Chinese Waters, a charge of piracy being accordingly brought against the three men when arrested, but after the master was found it was discovered that the spot where the outrage took place was about three and a quarter miles in Colonial waters.

On September 28, continued Detective Sub-Inspector Dorling, the first defendant went to the Cheung Chau Police Station and made a report of a highway robbery and Sub-Inspector Hopkins went out to make enquiries about the alleged robbery. "During the course of his investigations," he was informed by a Chinese detective that two men had been arrested but that they had escaped again. One of these two men turned out to be one of the foks whom the first defendant said had been concerned in the highway robbery.

Accuser Accused.

The first defendant was detained and the following morning the other two defendants went to the Police Station and they were arrested on the complaint of the foki of the pirated junk who said that they were two of the robbers.

It was a rather complicated affair, commented the prosecutor. Mr. Lo remarked that he was not very clear and asked if the first defendant had originally made a complaint of having been robbed and was later accused by the same men whom he alleged had robbed him.

Detective Sub-Inspector Dorling: That's how it works out, yes. After a short consultation with Sub-Inspector Hopkins, Detective Sub-Inspector Dorling said that the two men had met a detective and told him that they had a man in their custody. They alleged that this man was one of the robbers but he had since escaped. They were taken to the Station and it then turned out that they were the men who were supposed to have robbed the first defendant. One of the two men then accused the first defendant of being a robber.

The prosecutor described the affair as being rather unusual and said that as far as he could make it out all parties with the exception of the master had been living in Cheung Chau and had met one another very often. He thought it was only fair to say that if the defendants had "come across" with a little money there would have been nothing more said about the incident.

The case arose out of the smuggling of salt but that there had been a robbery the officer did not doubt but for the moment he could not say how each person was implicated.

The master of the junk was called and described the robbery. The case was adjourned.

TRICKSTER SENT TO PRISON.**GOT SIX WATCHES FOR BOX WITH TWO NAILS!****SWINDLE ON FERRY.**

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of six watches by trick from a shop in Queen's Road West, a Chinese was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was stated by Sub-Inspector Hoare that the defendant went to the complainant's shop and intimated that he desired to purchase six watches. He requested that a foki be sent with him to Kowloon where he would get the money with which to pay for the watches.

The complainant accordingly sent his son with the watches, and on the Shamshuipo Ferry, the defendant, who was carrying a small parcel under his arm, told the foki that the packet contained valuables and he did not want to lose it. He asked the foki to carry it for him and offered to relieve the man of the watches.

On landing in Shamshuipo, the foki became suspicious and demanded the return of the watches. He was then taken around the district in search of the defendant's friend, but after a time the foki decided to give the man in custody.

His Worship asked what the parcel, which the defendant had been carrying contained and was told by Sub-Inspector Hoare that it was a box containing nothing but two small nails.

The defendant, it was stated, had only two cents on him when arrested.

FRANCO-GERMAN PACT CANARD.**M. POINCARÉ'S PROMPT EXPOSURE.**

Paris, Sept. 25.

Both M. Poincaré and M. Paul Reynaud, Deputy for Paris, have made statements concerning their alleged share in the "secret" Franco-German negotiations, with which the Stresemann Press in Berlin is accusing various German Nationalist politicians with having toyed.

M. Poincaré, who writes from bed, says that he saw Herr Arnold Reebberg, brother of the German potash king, once in 1928. It was Herr Reebberg's personal efforts to push his peculiar idea of a Franco-German alliance that have provided the grain of truth in the present allegations, and those efforts were so far from being secret that Herr Reebberg wrote numerous long letters to French newspapers propounding his ideas.

M. Poincaré's reply to Herr Reebberg was that the question raised by him could only be treated between Governments, and to inform the German Ambassador of Herr Reebberg's visit.

M. Reynaud, telegraphs from America that, being in Berlin last April, he talked with Herr Reebberg as well as with other Germans in public life.

M. Poincaré says that the German Ambassador seemed to think the matter of very slight consequence. This will be the judgment of all men possessed of the reasoning faculty.

THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE.**BIG SUBJECTS OF CONTROVERSY.**

Serious consideration is now being given by Churchmen throughout the British Empire to the subjects to be considered by the Bishops of the Anglican Communion when they meet in London at the Lambeth Conference next year.

The official outline of the agenda shows that a number of important questions on which opinion is sharply divided are to be discussed, in addition to the proposals for reunion of the Churches in India.

The Conference is to be held at Lambeth Palace from July 7 until August 9. So great is the secrecy observed that the proceedings have only once been divulged during its sessions—in 1883, when the London Morning Post published certain important proposals of a committee on the validity of the orders of Nonconformist ministers.

The Conference is likely to end, however, as in former years, with the publication of an Encyclical Letter to the Churches of the Anglican Communion, signed by all the Bishops who have attended its sessions, epitomising their unanimous conclusions on the problems they have considered.

The most important and serious controversy subject that the Conference will have before it will be the proposals for reunion in Southern India. A threat of possible secession from the Church of England in the event of the proposals being accepted in their present form has already been advanced by an influential Anglo-Catholic group, headed by Bishop Gore.

Misgivings Aroused.

Another subject of equally practical, though less immediate importance is the question of whether voluntary clergy—ordained men independent of the Church for their means of livelihood—should be admitted to the ministry. Grave objections have been raised to the principles involved in the proposal to ordain voluntary clergy, yet the need of the professional clergy for assistance in the mission fields where many doles are measured in hundreds of miles is generally recognised.

Misgivings have already been aroused as to the meaning of the fourth item of the agenda, which provides for the discussion of the organisation and authority of the Anglican Communion under the headings Central, National and Provincial, and Missionary Dioceses under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is feared in many quarters that there may be a movement among the members of the Conference towards establishing the Conference itself as a central authority.

Hitherto the Anglican Communion has had no central authority or organisation, and it is largely felt that the Conference would not be a fit body to arrogate any such authority, since its directions could have no more force than they would possess by virtue of being the unanimous voice of the episcopate.

The status of the Conference is, in fact, a matter of considerable doubt. It cannot claim to be a meeting of the Apostolic order, it is held, since only Diocesan Bishops are admitted to its council, nor can it claim to be a synod of the Church, since the Bishops do not come attended by representative clergy of their dioceses.

STRAITS BUILDING SCHEME.**PLAN FOR 800 HOUSES AT \$4,000 EACH.****AN INGENIOUS IDEA.**

Singapore, Oct. 25.

Eight hundred "would-be" house owners are expected to form the nucleus of a building society which it is proposed to form at the meeting which will be held at the Y.M.C.A. Down Town Branch this afternoon, to consider the housing problem in Singapore.

The movement has been organised by a Municipal employee, and a small committee has obtained official assistance in the form of a promise from the Municipality of the option to purchase a piece of land bounded by Kampong Java Road, Thomson Road, Moulmein Road and Dorset Road.

This area is sufficiently large to accommodate the first 400 of the 800 houses which the proposed society will build, and each house will have its own little garden plot.

Loan to be Asked For.

The pecuniary position of the class for which the proposed society will cater made the problem of contributions a knotty one for the organisers, and the plan which has been devised, and will be submitted at this afternoon's meeting, includes Government assistance in the form of a loan on each house.

It is proposed that each house, with the ground on which it stands, shall not cost more than \$4,000, made up as follows:—A first deposit of \$250; 13 annual instalments of \$25, amounting to \$325; on entering into occupation a second deposit of \$250. These payments would total \$825, and the balance of \$3,175 it is proposed to raise as a loan on each house from Government. On occupation the owner would begin to repay the loan which, with interest at six per cent, and assessment, will amount to \$57 a month.

So much for the member. How does the society propose to discharge its obligation? An ingenious plan has been devised. The first deposit of \$250 from each of the 800 members, to be paid upon enrolment, will amount to \$200,000. With this it is proposed to start building the first batch of 250 houses, the \$200,000 being supplemented by a loan of \$800,000 from Government on the security of the 250 houses.

Successive Batches.

The second batch of houses will number 103, and they will be built with the first of the annual \$25 instalments from each of the 800 members, and the deposit of \$250 which each of the 250 members will have paid upon entering into occupation. That will produce \$32,500, and will be supplemented by a Government loan of \$330,000 on the security of the 103 houses. This principle will be continued, the next lot of houses being 57, and the other lots in sequence 43, 38, 37, 37, 36, 36, 36, 36, 37 and 17, till the whole 800 houses have been built.

With regard to the loan which it is proposed to obtain from Government, it is the hope of the organisers to be able to persuade Government to relax, in the society's favour, its rule of granting loans of only 66 per cent. of the value of the property, and it is hoped that the Government will make this concession in view of the benefit which will thereby accrue to a deserving section of the public.—Straits Times.

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Oslo	18.20 1/2
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Prague	10.14
Helsingfors	34.27 1/2
Lisbon	109.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	816 1/2
Rio	5.27 3/32
Buenos Aires	46 1/2
Bombay	1/5.13 1/16
Shanghai	2/2 1/2
Hongkong	1/1.7 1/2
Yokohama	1/1.11 1/16
Silver (spot)	23
Silver (forward)	23.3/16

—British Wireless.

The October issue of the Queen's College magazine, the Yellow Dragon, has made its appearance. In addition to many pages of school news, the magazine contains interesting articles on the Chinese stage and the flowering plants of Hongkong, the latter being well up to the high standard set previously.

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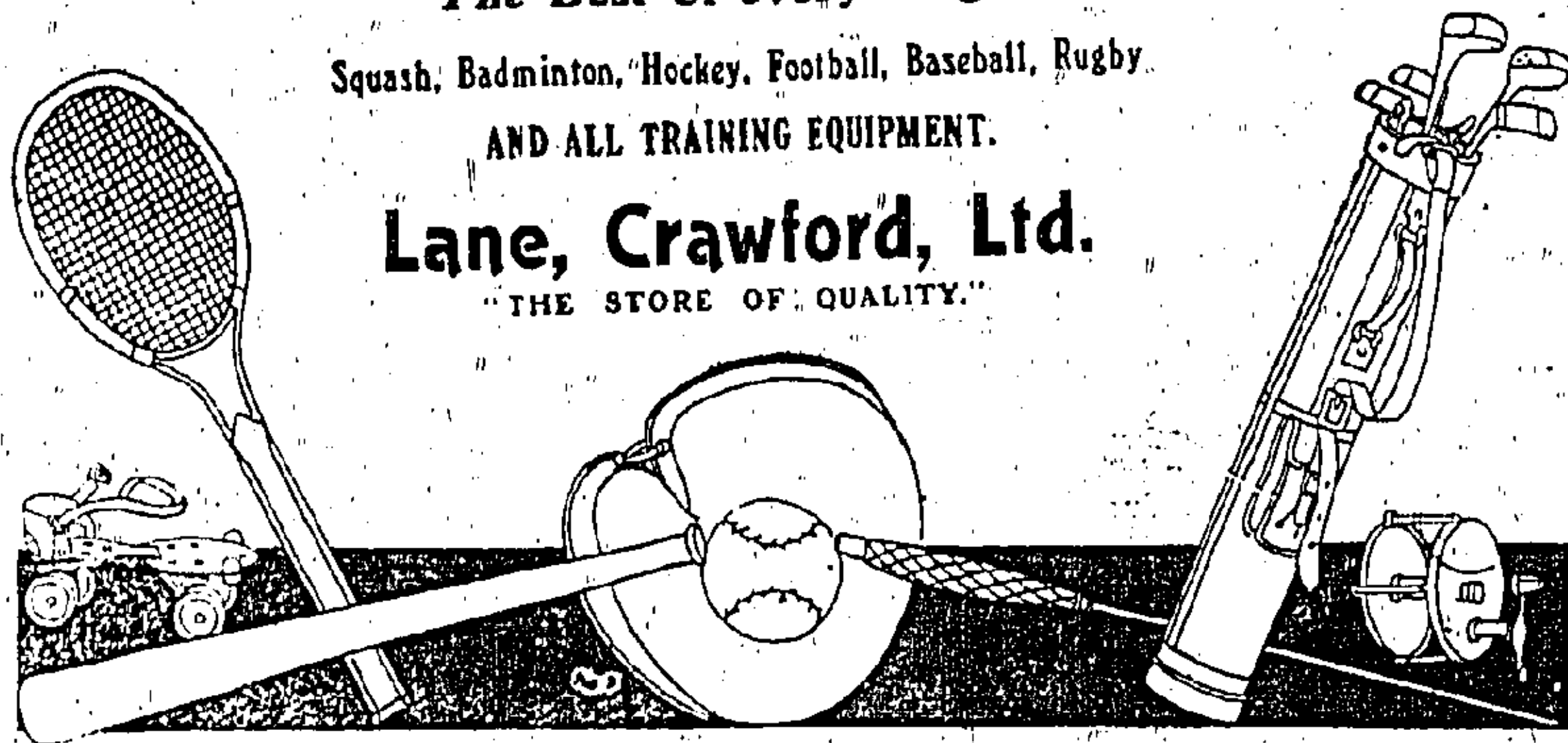
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LOCAL BASEBALL.

EXHIBITION GAME FOR SUNDAY.

The Hongkong Baseball Association has arranged an exhibition game between this season's champions, the South China Athletic Association, and The Rest of the League.

The game will start promptly at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd November, at the Navy Field. Mrs. Roger Culver Tredwell has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

A resolution was passed, at the last meeting of the Sind Hindu Merchants' Association, which was held on Sunday last, that all the Indian Silk Stores will be closed at 3 p.m. to-day on account of Dewali Festival, and all the members with their staffs will gather at their Club Hall to celebrate the function.

As Mr. M. Blake, of the Sanitary Department, was driving his motor car in Queen's Road East at a quarter to six yesterday evening, he accidentally knocked down a Chinese woman named Yuen King, living at No. 49, Tang Lung Street, Wanchai. She received injuries to her head, which are not of a seri-

LOCAL CRICKET.

K.C.C. 2nd XI TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

K.C.C. meet the R.A.S.C. in a 2nd Division League game at Kowloon on Saturday at 2 p.m. The home team will be—B. Petheram (Capt.), A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven, G. Lee, F. S. W. Smith, H. Overy, H. T. Buxton, F. Hamblin, A. A. Dand, J. J. Hirst and S. Jex. Scorer, Capt. Lathwaite, D.S.O.; umpire, A. W. Ellis.

ous nature, and she was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

TWO GAMES OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

KOWLOON AND K.O.S.B. AT SOOKUNPOO.

S.L.I. AT THE STADIUM.

[By "Wanderer."] Local football fans have a choice of two extremely attractive Senior League games to-morrow, one at Sookunpoo and the other at The Stadium.

The Borderers, two of the three undefeated sides, meet on the Army ground, while the Somersets, also undefeated, are engaged against the powerful Chinese Athletic eleven.

At the other end of the table either St. Joseph's or the Police, or both, will rid themselves of the label to their pointlessness.

The full fixture list is appended:

Senior Division.

Chinese Ath. v. Somersets.—Stadium, 4.15.
Royal Navy v. R.A.—Caroline Hill, 4.15.
Recreio v. South China.—Kowloon, 4.15.
St. Joseph's v. Police.—St. Joseph's, 4.15.
K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon.—Sookunpoo, 4.15.

Junior Division.

Somersets v. Eastern.—Chatham Road, 2.45.
K.O.S.B. v. Recreio.—Sookunpoo, 2.45.
South China "A" v. Navy.—Caroline Hill, 2.45.
R.A. Res. v. University.—Chinese, 2.45.
Kowloon v. R.A.M.C.—Kowloon, 2.45.
St. Joseph's v. Ewo.—St. Joseph's, 2.45.
Chinese "A" v. S. China "B"—Stadium, 2.45.
Chinese "B" v. Club Res.—Navy, 2.45.

Special note should be made of the fact that matches start fifteen minutes earlier than in October, the junior games starting at 2.45 and the seniors at 4.15.

Centre-Forward Problems.

Kowloon and the K.O.S.B. are alike in one respect. They both have a centre-forward problem to solve. The Borderers are very near the mark in bringing Reeves up into the forward line, and the team they will field to-morrow is, I believe, the best at their disposal. The inclusion of Torrie for Skiggs, and Skiggs for Gear, are moves calculated to give the team better balance and Kowloon will have to improve enormously on their last week's performance if they hope to upset K.O.S.B. calculations. Angus will occupy the goal, and Simpson replaces Easterbrook at centre-forward. No other change has been made from the side which drew with the Navy, a "feat" emulated by the Borderers on Wednesday. If conditions are favourable an exceedingly interesting game should be seen.

Test for the Somersets.

The Somersets have conceded fewer points than any other team in the Senior Division, and their performance against the Athletic to-morrow will be watched with special interest apropos future possibilities. The Chinese are just beginning to settle down to their real form and the Somersets, who are able to field their strongest eleven, will need to extend themselves to the full to win.

Recreio's Ground.

It is almost certain that the match between the Club de Recreio and South China will be played on the Kowloon, though strictly speaking it should be played at King's Park. Their home ground, however, has been condemned by the Association, I understand, owing to remarkable deterioration for which the Recreio officials are largely to blame. Little notice would have been attracted but for the fact that they hadn't even taken the trouble to mark out the ground. Scarcely any part of the touchline was visible during the junior match last week, though the Recreio had had warning of the possibilities a fortnight before. Personally, I cannot understand it. I had always regarded the Recreio as a crowd of enthusiasts. Their match with South China to-morrow offers them little prospect of success, unless a most remarkable improvement on recent displays is exhibited.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SEAMEW WINS EASILY OVER MOORHEN.

Shameen, Oct. 31.

H.M.S. Seamew found no difficulty in defeating H.M.S. Moorhen yesterday afternoon in the Shameen Football League. Judging by their form yesterday they should have little difficulty in retaining again this season both the League Championship and the Watson Shield. However, it must be said that neither H.M.S. Tarantula nor the Shameen Football team, a new entrant in the League, have yet been seen in action. Still the fact remains that the Seamew team that played yesterday is one of the best trained teams seen in Shameen for several seasons. As a team they play remarkably well together. In yesterday's match they defeated H.M.S. Moorhen by three goals to one; the margin might have been far greater had it not been for a really excellent display of goal keeping by the Moorhen custodian who time after time made brilliant saves. He was well aided by his two backs, Darroch and Gregory, but the Moorhen team was especially weak in their forwards.

Within five minutes of the kick-off, the Seamew scored two goals and another one was added about a quarter of an hour later. Though having the best of the game they did not score again and the score stood at three goals to nil in favour of the Seamew at half-time.

In the second half, the game was practically the whole time around the Moorhen goal, which, though well defended, was rarely cleared, the Moorhen kicking being very weak. It was in the last thirty seconds of the game that the Moorhen finally managed to get the ball well away and carrying it down the field scored, the final score thus being 3-1 in favour of H.M.S. Seamew. The teams were: H.M.S. Seamew—Chapman; Cecil, Cuss; Leeson, Goodman, Grimdell; Hughes, Horn, Mitchell, Cardy and Smith.

H.M.S. Moorhen—Thompson; Darroch, Gregory; Bates, Lee-Marson, Jay; Woods, Ah Wing, Munro, Joel and Evans.—Our Own Correspondent.

Navy and Police.

The stiffening given to the Navy side by the arrival of the Hermes players should gain them full points at Caroline Hill where the Royal Artillery provide the opposition. The R.A. have been playing far in advance of the paper value of their team, however, and the Navy must not look upon the game as a gift by any means.

The Police and St. Joseph's meet on their joint ground in the Valley and I fancy the Police will break the spell upon them. At the moment St. Joseph's appear to be going back instead of improving.

With the Juniors.

The most interesting junior game is being played at Caroline Hill, South China "A" being hosts to the Navy Reserves. The latter team has experienced some unexpected upsets, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that they will lose again to-morrow. Scoring is likely to be low.

The Somersets, K.O.S.B., R.A., St. Joseph's and Chinese Athletic "A" should be on the winning side, while the R.A.M.C. and the Club are expected to capture at least one point.

PROBABLE TEAMS.

Some of the probable teams for to-morrow are as follows:

Somersets:—Hall; Crawley, Hayward; Knapp, West, Harris; Palmer, Bawley-Bull, Rayson, Baker and Butcher.
South China:—Pau Ka-ping; Lau Mau; Li Tih-sang; Leung Wing-cheu, Wong Mee-shun, Yu Cheuk-wah; Ng Po-kui, Chu Kwok-luen, Fung King-cheung, Leung Wing-tak and Cheng Shiu-hong.
K.O.S.B.:—Shears, Gardner, McIn; Everest, Davey, Skiggs; Torrie, Stock, Reeves, McGlinchey and Alexander.
Kowloon:—Angus (sen); Gillett, Pile (C); Hedley, Downman, Bliss; Pile (T.M.); Gallagher, Simpson, McKelvie, Miles.
Club Reserves:—Wilson, (J.B.); Bailton, Potouloff; Sloan, Panchoon, Kriyovsky; Smith, Bell, Peers, Wilson (J.M.), Pankhurst.
Kowloon Reserves:—Angus (Jun); Campbell, Hannan, Moore, Nicholls, Seddon; Eastman, Ferguson, Moss, Coates and Bickford.
K.O.S.B. Reserves:—Cox; Charlton, Bird; Barham, Spence, Lovell; Rhodes, Goggie, Crawley, Stevens, and Rice.

REX STOREY & CHARLIE CHAPLIN.



Rex Storey, the inimitable comedian with the Ruth Van Valey Company, opening a short season at the Star Theatre commencing next Monday, is shown above with that greatest of all comedians, Charlie Chaplin, in a scene from the "Idle Rich" in which Mr. Storey played the stellar role.

GARRISON NEWS.

BRIGADIER HEATH RECOVERING.

Brigadier Heath, commanding the Tientsin Area, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, is now well on the way to recovery, and it is expected that he will be able to resume command, which was temporarily taken over by Colonel Brownrigg, by the middle of the month. Col. Brownrigg will then continue his tour of North China, and return to Hongkong on completion.

Lieut.-Col. J. G. P. Romanes, D.S.O., will arrive in China on Saturday week, and will take over command of the 2/Royal Scots at Tientsin.

We regret to report the death in Shanghai of Pte. R. Moyes, 1/Norfolk Regiment, which occurred in No. 7 General Hospital.

A Whist Drive is held every Friday afternoon at the Scandal Point Hall, for ladies only. Play commences at 3 p.m., and the whole of the receipts are devoted to the prizes.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Hongkong Area Other Ranks Championship Competition has resulted as follows:

Singles.—Staff-Sgt. Hardy, R.A.O.C. v. Pte. Smith, R.A.M.C.; Sgt. Trumper, R.E. v. Sgt. Kingsland, R.A. The first match has been played off, resulting in a win for Staff-Sgt. Hardy, the score being 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles.—S. M. Atkinson, R.E. and Sgt. Trumper v. E. S. M. Manley, R.A. and Sgt. Kingsland, R.A. The second match has been played off, with Everest and Bridgeman running out winners by 6-1, 6-3.

Football.—"B" Coy. K.O.S.B. v. "D" Coy. S.L.I.—Played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, the Somersets won by the only goal scored. The Borderers, who were second in the Hongkong Area Football League, were unlucky to lose, though they missed a number of opportunities of scoring. Teams: "B" Coy. K.O.S.B.—Westland; Harrison, McLaughlin; Torrence, Spalding, Anderson; Mills, Crawford, Reeves, McGuire, Wyllie.

"D" Coy. S.L.I.—Lilley; Morris, Speller; Lacey, Chislett, Norris; Lancaster, Mayo, Causeway, Martin, Perrett.

Friendly Game. A friendly game, played on the Recreio ground yesterday afternoon, resulted in the combined R.A.S.C. and R.A.P.C. side beating the R.A.O.C. by the odd goal in five. Twelve scored all three goals for the R.A.S.C., and Ryall and McFadyen scored once each for the R.A.O.C.

Cricket. A cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon between the R.E. and R. Signals versus "D" Coy. K.O.S.B. resulted in the latter winning by the narrow margin of one run. Scoring was low, and bowlers on both sides had good returns. Scores:

R.E. and R. Signals.
Lt. Gough, b Stock 10
Butler, c Hill, b Hill 9
Lockyer, b Hill 8
Harrison, hit wkt 5
Geddes, b Hill 3
Higgins, b Hill 2
Lt. MacDonald, b Hill 1
Turner, c Richardson, b Hill 1
Baldwin, c Batchelor, b Watts 1
Perry, b Hill 1
Arnison, not out 0
Ferguson, st. Welch, b Hill 1
Extras 8
Total 45

Hill had the good average of 8 wickets for 20 runs.

"D" Coy. K.O.S.B.
Lt. Richardson, hit wkt 5
Clegg, b Harrison 4
St. Gough, b Harrison 3
Hill, b Arnison 2
Clive, st. Lockyer, b Harrison 1
Wilson, c Gough, b Harrison 1
Hills, b Arnison 1
Feast, b Harrison 1
Watts, b Arnison 1
Batchelor, not out 2
Holland, c Butler, b Harrison 1
Extras 2
Total 40

Harrison took seven wickets for 23 runs, and Arnison the remaining 4 wickets for 10 runs. Each side played twelve men.

Hockey Trial. The second Army trial match was played on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a draw.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.24 a.m.—S. Borz and E. R. Childe.
9.28 a.m.—W. M. Thomson and D. S. Edward.
9.32 a.m.—A. R. Purves and H. Ireland.
9.36 a.m.—G. H. Wilson and O. Eager.
9.40 a.m.—W. Donaldson and H. Piercy.
9.44 a.m.—W. A. Staley and T. C. Monaghan.
9.48 a.m.—S. S. Strahan and W. N. Fleming.
9.52 a.m.—R. J. J. Shedd and J. P. Sherry.
9.56 a.m.—F. Morrison and F. M. Ellis.
10.00 a.m.—E. J. Lacon and H. Newbigin.
10.04 a.m.—W. Kent and H. Hampton.
10.08 a.m.—J. Jones and B. Pethoram.
10.12 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and A. H. Penn.
10.16 a.m.—R. H. B. Ashby and J. R. Hinton.
10.20 a.m.—H. D. Browne and W. A. Butterfield.
10.24 a.m.—R. Stock and R. P. Moodie.
10.28 a.m.—G. Davidson and J. S. MacLaren.
10.32 a.m.—W. Alabaster and G. E. Matthews.
10.36 a.m.—H. C. Shrubsole and H. A. Lammer.
10.40 a.m.—O. D. Brown and K. K. Rounds.
10.44 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and A. D. Humphreys.
10.48 a.m.—R. M. Henderson and B. H. C. Hallows.
10.52 a.m.—M. G. Mills and A. C. I. Bowker.
10.56 a.m.—D. Ellis and K. L. Dugan.
11.00 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and K. S. Morrison.
11.04 a.m.—G. B. S. Thomson and S. T. Bullin.
11.08 a.m.—F. S. Whyte-Smith and A. O. Brown.
11.12 a.m.—R. A. Green and E. D. Black.
11.16 a.m.—J. L. Humphreys and E. dea Voeux.
11.20 a.m.—J. Harrop and W. G. Lortimer.
11.24 a.m.—V. J. Atkins and D. J. Keogh.
11.28 a.m.—K. S. Robertson and A. Webster.
11.32 a.m.—J. S. Drummond and D. J. Gilmore.
11.36 a.m.—V. R. Sturt and P. Jacka.
Early trains are at 8.30 and 9.08, and return trains at 5.54, 6.35 and 7.14.

of three goals to each side. A number of players in the first trial had been left out, some through injury, others because their place was more or less secure, and the remainder because the form shown in the first trial did not justify perseverance with them. Teams:

Whites.—Lieut. Barrett (H.K.S. Bde. R.A.); Sgt. Lawrence (12th Bty, R.A.); Cpl. Belfield (K.O.S.B.); Lieut. Horbage (H.K.S. Bde. R.A.); Lieut. Tregear (3/15 Ptnbals); Lieut. Barton (H.K.S. Bde. R.A.); Sgt. Alvey (20th Bty, R.A.); Pte. Denmad (S.L.I.); Sgt. Kingsland (H.K.S. Bde. R.A.); Captain Strachey (S.L.I.); Cpl. Walker (K.O.S.B.).

Colours.—Pte. Dougan (K.O.S.B.); Lieut. Walker (H.K.S. Bde. R.A.); Pte. Craze (K.O.S.B.); Lieut. Scott-Elliott (K.O.S.B.); Captain McLellan (R.O.S.B.); Lieut. Tregear (K.O.S.B.); Lt. Cpl. Hill (K.O.S.B.); Lieut. Miller (12th Bty, R.A.); Sgt. Skipp (I.A.S. and T.); Lieut. Shillington (K.O.S.B.); Lieut. Marshall (R.A.S.C.).

This game was not played at such a fast pace as the first trial, but some smart runs, and smarter saves were seen. Barrett played well in goal for the Whites, whose best back was Lawrence, who is inclined to hit too hard on occasion. There was little to choose between the Whites' halves, all playing up well, and having plenty to do. Alvey played a steady game on the right wing, and Walker did well on the left, though being played usually on the right, he often had to stop and come back to put in his centres. Strachey was the best of the Whites' inside forwards.

For the Colours, Walker was outstanding as a back, and until an injury slowed him up, was in excellent form. McLellan and Tregear were good in the middle line, and of the forwards, Hill was always dangerous. Good understanding between Shillington and Skipp resulted in good attacks, but the latter has played better.

THE SHINING TALENT.

By Eleanor Early.

CHAPTER XXX.

Miss Smith was wearing an ensemble of orchid chiffon, embellished with flowing scarfs and a sash of purple. Her hat was violet, and so were her satin pumps. She tilted, self-consciously, an enormous square of purple georgette, pressing it against her mouth and her nose. And she toyed nervously with a long string of mauve-coloured pearl beads.

She looked rather pretty in a conspicuous, flashy fashion. Like a show girl dolled up for a date. Molly, with prosperity, had acquired distinction in clothes. She was wearing now a dark tailleur of silk tweed, with a little tri-cornered hat, and kid walking shoes.

They stood side by side, in the lobby of the Copley, and looked like models illustrating "What the Well-Dressed Girl Will and Will Not Wear."

Miss Smith flounced her georgette handkerchief.

"I've something important to say to you," she repeated.

"Where shall we go?" Molly looked up and down Peacock Alley. The seats were all taken.

"Would you like to go up to my room?" she invited cordially. "Or shall we have tea down here?"

Miss Smith softened.

"It's all the same by me."

"Then let's go to my room."

Molly led the way to the elevator. She had a disagreeable conviction that the girl was going to make a scene.

"I found an apartment to-day," she remarked conversationally. "It's ever so attractive. There's a beautiful sunny nursery for Rita."

By the way, Miss Smith—I was going to call Bob later—will it be convenient to send Rita over to-morrow? I'm planning to move right in—it's furnished, you see. We might as well get settled."

Miss Smith's straight mouth tightened at the corners.

"I don't know as it will," she said.

"Well, it doesn't really make any difference," assented Molly tactfully. "I only wanted to relieve you as soon as possible of the responsibilities you've undertaken so generously."

They were in Molly's room now. Miss Smith lit a cigarette.

"What I did wasn't anything," she declared airily. "It's what I'm going to do."

"Indeed?"

Molly raised her eyebrows.

"Don't pull any of your stunts on me!" warned Miss Smith. "I don't know what you're talking about," declared Molly angrily. "If you've anything to say to me, why don't you say it?"

The other girl flicked the ashes from her cigarette.

"It's about Bob," she said. "May be you've been givin' him an earful, and then again maybe you haven't. But all I got to say is Bob's going to marry me. See?"

Molly was genuinely shocked.

"Marry you?" she cried. "Why, his wife hasn't been dead a month. Haven't you any decency?"

"I don't know as I have," conceded Miss Smith. "But I got an awful pile of determination."

"But why have you come to me? I'm not Mr. Newton's keeper. If he has the execrable taste to marry you, it isn't after all, any of my business."

"No?" Miss Smith blew insolent rings.

"You don't think I've anything to say about it, do you?" demanded Molly.

"I think just this," Elsie prepped her feet up comfortably on the bed. "I think he'd marry you to-morrow, if he got the chance."

Molly rose furiously to her feet. "Stop it!" she commanded.

"Well, I do," pursued Miss Smith calmly. "I got a right to my own opinion. I suppose you're leary."

"Molly's tone was leary. "So long as you keep it to yourself."

"Oh, all right. I'm not one to talk anyhow. What I got to say is this, Miss Burnham—you want Rita—don't you?"

Molly nodded stiffly.

"And I want Bob. Well, here's my proposition. You use your influence with Bob. And when we're married, I'll make him move away from Boston. You're going to have a lot of trouble with that man, Miss Burnham, if you don't do what I say. When he gets lit, he's the wildest thing you ever saw. He'd steal little Rita on you, like as not. And run away somewhere with her. He's always talkin' of goin' to South America."

"Maybe you think I'm kidding you. But Bob carries a revolver these days. Miss Burnham, and that's no kid. He'd think no more of poppin' you off than he would of takin' another drink. I'm the only one that can manage him, when he gets going."

"If you're telling the truth," asked Molly coolly, "why do you want to marry him?"

Miss Smith scuffed her cigarette on the bedside table.

"That's my business," she retorted.

"I suppose he's refused already?"

"If he hadn't admitted Elsie's story, 'I wouldn't be here.'"

"I don't know what you think I can do."

Miss Smith shrugged.

"I'll give you time to think it over," she offered. "If Bob gets to drinking you'll be glad enough to come to terms. Boston won't be big enough for you and him. He'll pester the life out of you. And you can't shut your door on him, nor call the police, because you want his daughter."

Molly vouchsafed no reply.

"Well, you heard me. Think it over," Miss Smith shook out her purple skirts, and preened in the long mirror. "I'm going up to Montreal for a while, to visit a girl friend. You have your answer ready, when I come back."

She stopped at the mirror, to touch her lips, and smear a bit of blue shadow under her eyes.

"No hard feelings, I hope? You'll be glad enough, dearie, to get rid of the boy friend. Take it from a little girl that knows."

She was at the door, when Molly cried sharply. "How about Rita?"

"There's a high school girl that takes care of her day-times," explained Miss Smith. "She's a good girl, and real fond of Rita. I've spoken to her already. She'll be at the flat, waiting to hear from you."

"Does Mr. Newton know what arrangements you've made?"

"Mr. Newton? Elsie's shrill voice took on the affected tones of a society woman. "Oh, Mr. Newton is otherwise engaged."

"He hasn't gone away?"

"Well, not far," Elsie smiled maliciously. "Mr. Newton got blotto last night. It's a habit with Mr. Newton."

When the door closed behind her, called Molly sniffed distastefully, and opened the windows.

That afternoon she telephoned Bob's flat. It was as Elsie had said. A girlish voice told her that Miss Smith was away. Mr. Newton was out of town too, she thought. But Rita would be ready any time Miss Burnham wished. Her clothes were packed, and her toys.

Before dark everything was settled. The baby had her supper that night in the blue and buttercup nursery. And Molly, undressed and lightheaded, and tucked her in the fairy-tale bed, that had Alice in Wonderland on the headboard. And the Mad Hare, with his tall silk hat and his white kid gloves in his hand, scurrying across the footboard.

Then she telephoned Mr. Durbin. He was arranging, he told her, for immediate production. There might be a little trouble with the censors. But that wouldn't make any difference. It would be advertising.

"But what could they object to?" she asked in astonishment.

"Well, the suicide. The motive's not what you'd call simon-pure, you know."

"But, my goodness, they can't expect people to commit suicide for only exemplary purposes! A man's got to have some reason for shooting himself. And it isn't always a pretty reason, is it?"

Durbin laughed.

"Nine times out of ten it's a pretty ugly one," he admitted.

"But the censors are nice, cheery little boys, who like to have us look on the bright side of life. Besides, if they didn't censure, they wouldn't be censors, would they? Naturally, they've got to find something to kick about. But don't you worry about that. They won't be able to close us. And all their chattering will be just so much advertising."

"I thought of a good name to-day," Molly told him. "What do you think of 'Sacrifice'?"

"You see there's the sacrifice of mother for daughter, and daughter for mother. And then there's the boy's sacrifice to chivalry and honour."

The producer demurred.

"Not very sexy," he pronounced. But Molly did not want a sexy title. Or an unpleasantly suggestive one of any sort. And four weeks later, when the picture opened, it was called "Sacrifice."

The censors were there that first night. They went into conference between acts. And, at midnight, when the last curtain had gone down, they met again, to prepare a hasty statement. As soon as it was typed, they rushed it to the newspapers.

Meantime the critics were writing their reviews. "Sacrifice," they said, was a better play than "The Death of Delphine Darrows."

In her sympathetic study of a modern young thrill-seeker, Miss Burnham had scored her biggest triumph. She had portrayed, with exquisite delineation, the tremendous and self-sacrificing love of mother and daughter. Her courtroom scene, they declared, was as dramatic as that celebrated scene from "Delphine."

The plot itself hinged upon a situation that had to be handled

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS:

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1355 s.
Chartered Bank, \$191 h.
Mercantile & B., \$301 n.
East Asia \$93 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$695 b.
Union Ins., \$372 s.
North China, Ins., \$15 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$1 n.
China Fires, \$310 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 b.

Douglases, \$26 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-China, (Def), \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.
Benguet, \$45 b.
Kailans, \$7 b.
Langkats, \$15 n.
S'hai Explorations, \$1.75 b.
Raubs, \$9.50 n.
Tronohs, \$21 b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$148 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$41 b.
China Providents, \$5.65 s.
Hongkongs, \$190 n.
New Engineering, \$1.75 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$107 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$171 s.
Orientals, \$15 n.
S'hai Cottons, \$18 (old) n.
H. and S. Hotels, \$11 b.
H. K. Lands, \$661 b.
S'hai Lands, \$161 n.
Humphreys, \$14.80 sa.
Realities, \$9.30 n.
Chinese Estates, \$98 s.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19.75 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.35 n.
Star Forries, \$72 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$15.30 b.
H. K. Electric, \$67 n.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones, \$8 n.
China Buses, \$151 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

Industrials.
China Sugars, \$95 n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald & Macg. Ord, \$15 n.
Canton Ties, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb), \$13.10 b.
Ropes (Old), \$9 s.
United Asbestos, \$5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$22 n.
Watsons, \$12.60 b.
Der A. Wings, \$80 n.
Lane Crawford, \$1.95 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$29 n.
Constructions, \$1.3 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61.
H. K. G. Loan 6 1/2% s. Prem.

with rare delicacy. The critics were unanimous in their opinion that Molly had achieved her final climax without offence.

Mr. Durbin was elated. Molly wondered how—with countless successes to his credit—he could retain all the fervour of his most youthful enthusiasms. The applause of the audience left her cold. She was unutterably weary, and lonely, with a fierce loneliness.

She had written to ask her mother and father to go to New York for the opening night, and then to be her guests in Boston. But her mother had written promptly and politely, declining in firm tones.

However, she thanked Molly for her kind invitation. And she hoped sincerely, she said, that some day, she would return to her father's home.

Mr. Burnham had neuralgia. A painful attack that made travelling impossible.

Red Flynn was doing a series on the liquor situation in Canada, and could not leave Ottawa, where an important interview pending with His Excellency, the Governor General.

Bob was in town, but Molly did not care to invite him. She hoped, in fact, that he would not attend.

For the first night of "Delphine" she had sent Jack a ticket, and asked him to sit with her father and mother. She would never be able to forget that evening and its hideous aftermath. In very recollection it could make Molly ill with the poignant memory of her misery and humiliation.

She had considered sending Jack a ticket for "Sacrifice" but decided, at the last moment, that it would be undignified—as though she were soliciting his attendance.

But Jack was there. She saw him from the wings. With him was a woman. A stout, florid creature in red. Molly had never in her life seen so many diamonds on one woman as that fat lady wore. They were even in her hair, which was not at all fashionable, but certainly conspicuous.

They sat in the very front row. And Molly noticed that the woman kept her hand on Jack's arm.

(To Be Continued.)

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 44/20. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Hongkong, Oct. 31. All ranks are reminded that the annual training camps will take place this year at Fanling during the following week-ends.

Friday p.m. Nov. 15 till Sunday p.m. Nov. 17.

Friday p.m. Nov. 22 till Sunday p.m. Nov. 24.

Friday p.m. Nov. 29 till Sunday p.m. Dec. 1.

Friday p.m. Dec. 6 till Sunday p.m. Dec. 8.

Camp orders issued by post to all ranks of the Corps except those of The Battery and Engineer Company. Any one not in receipt of these orders will report to the Adjutant immediately.

The week-ends during which units have expressed their intention of concentrating, are:—

First Week-end—M. G. Troop, Band, Portuguese Co. and A. Car Coy.

Second Week-end—M. G. Co., Scottish Co., Band and Portuguese Co.

Third Week-end—M. G. Co. and A. Car Coy.

Fourth Week-end—M. G. Troop, Corps Signals and Scottish Co.

The Battery will attend the R.A. Practice camp at Tai Lam during the week-ends Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22.

A lecture will be given by Major O. G. B. Philby, the Somerset Light Infantry, on Machine Gun Training at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at Corps Headquarters and again on Tuesday, Nov. 12. These lectures will be of great interest and all ranks of the units armed with the machine gun should endeavour to attend.

Musketry.

The Scottish Company will fire Table T. M. G. Part 2 at St. Clements' Range on Sunday, Nov. 3, 1929. Range Officer: Lieut. R. H. Forsyth.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Dress: (Musketry order). Uniform or multi optional.

The Band will parade in multi at 5.30 p.m. at H. Q. on Friday, Nov. 1 to make good any deficiencies in kit. Next Band Practice will be held at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in multi.

The Battery.

Parade for gun drill at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 and also Friday, Nov. 8.

As the time before camp is now getting short all members must please make a special point of attending the training drills.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, for Signal Training. Dress—Multi.

Recruits parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 for Drill instruction.

Dress: Multi with belt and side arms.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parade at the Riding School at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section—Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Fridays, Nov. 1 and 8 for driving instruction.

Motor Cycle Section.—Fridays, Nov. 1 and 8.

All ranks will parade at Volunteer Headquarters with motor cycles at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride; Sidecar outfits will be in charge of Ptes. Groome, Walkinshaw, Banks and Hutchison. Dress—multi.

Machine Gun Company.

All ranks are requested to attend the Lecture by Major O. B. G. Philby on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 5.30 p.m. at H. Q.

Company Dinner.—All ranks are reminded that the Co. Dinner will be held at 7.15 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 at H. Q.

Company Rifle Club Monthly Spoon Shoot at Peak Range at 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Scottish Company.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to order No. 3 Musketry.

Parades—Thursday, Nov. 7, 1929 for machine gun instruction.

No. 5 Platoon at Taikoo Dock under Sgt. J. Watson.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. Geo. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Annual Church Parade—Sunday, December 1, 1929.

All ranks are reminded of this forthcoming parade and are requested to make every effort to attend.

Portuguese Company.

Camp—All ranks who have not as yet returned the issued slips re attendance at Camp are reminded that an early compliance is necessary.

Attention is called to Volunteer Ordinance 1920 16. A Camp Amended February 17, 1929 re Camp. All ranks should make themselves acquainted with these.

Parades. It is hoped that a full Company be present for the Co. training at Headquarters on Friday, Nov. 8, at 5.30. Dress: Optional. Belt.

Kit.—Advantage should be taken of the next two Fridays, to have all equipment, etc., completed prior to going to Camp.

Strength.

The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1515 Pte. C. E. Moore, Corps Signals, as from 24.10.29.

No. 1516 Pte. J. P. Henry, M. G. Troop, as from 29.10.29.

No. 1517 Pte. L. A. Jeapes, A. C. Co., Motor Cycle Section, as from 29.10.29.

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Promotions.

Motor Cycle Section.—The following promotions will take place as from 25.10.29.

No. 1255 L/Cpl. Thomas to Corporal.

No. 1477 Pte. Walkinshaw to Corporal.

No. 1085 Pte. Croome to L/Cpl.

No. 1301 Pte. Clarke to S. J. to L/Cpl.

Transfers.

From No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company Scottish Section as from 31.10.29.

No. 1251 Pte. D. L. Keith.

No. 221 Sgt. Dr. V. Brown.

No. 591 Pte. H. G. Cooper.

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FORGERY CASE.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF COMPLAINANT CASE.

Wong Sook-to, partner in the Wing Hing Tailoring firm and complainant in the case in which he is charging another partner, Yau Ka-wai, with embezzlement of capital funds and forgery of a Chinese borrowing note, continued his testimony under cross-examination by Mr. P. C. Jenkin, yesterday when the case was resumed before Mr. A. W. G. H. Gurnham at the Central Magistrate's Court.

Witness referred to torn leaves from account books which he found in a waste-paper basket, and which appeared amongst a large mass of documents exhibited in the case. He was questioned with regard to Exhibit "B," an extracted leaf of what was known as the inner counter book which, he said, he found on the premises during a search.

Mr. Jenkin: And you say you thought it came from the 1929 book but you found it, instead, in the 1928 book?—Yes.

Do you suggest that the fact that the leaf was torn out from the 1929 book was any indication of fraud on the part of the defendant?—If that leaf had come from that book, the entries did not correspond with those which appeared on the book.

You have examined the books, haven't you?—Yes.

Yes or no after examination of the books do you suggest that there is anything fraudulent about the extracts from that leaf or the entries on it?—I do not suggest anything fraudulent on this paper. But the entries made with regard to Leung Fan-puk did not appear on the book which I saw that night.

Consistent with Innocence.

That is another matter, and we shall come to that presently. Do you think that this extracted paper and entries were not consistent with the innocence of the defendant?—The first entry does not deal with that which appears on the book. This entry refers to only \$8,000 whereas the book discloses \$10,000.

Shown the 1928 year book, witness agreed that the discrepancy was caused by the carrying forward of the wrong figure.

Counsel: Having seen these figures, will you further agree with me, as a reasonable man, that this leaf was torn out after he had inadvertently carried forward the wrong debit balance?—Agreed.

Tearing out sheets of account books of the Wing Hing firm had, in fact, taken place on former occasions?—It may have happened before, but the leaf must be torn out with the concurrence of the partners.

If a slight mistake be made by the person in making those entries, you say that he should not tear out the leaf unless he had convened a meeting and got the consent of the partners?—If only a slight mistake is made, he merely makes a note of it on the book.

But that was a slight mistake, was it not?—I think that was only a slight mistake, why should defendant tear the page out?

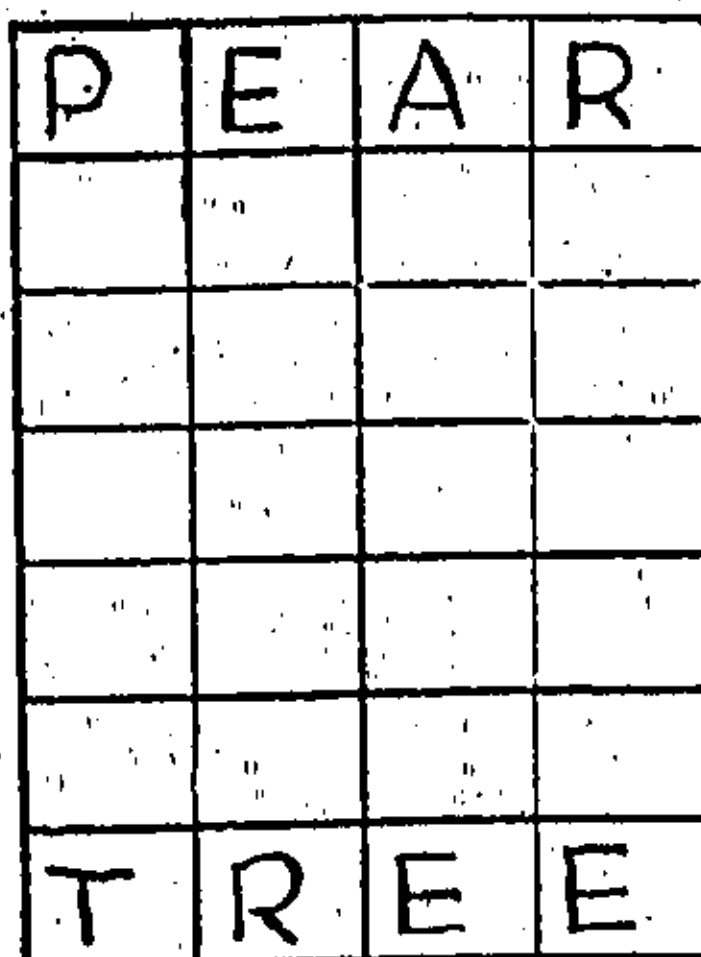
Concurrence of Partners.

Producing the 1926 year book, which was compiled by witness during his management of the firm, Counsel asked witness whether there were leaves torn from it. Witness agreed that a leaf had been torn out of it.

Counsel: The accounts were running accounts. I put it to you that that leaf was torn out by you

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf links is in the shade of the old PEAR TREE.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

during your management out of a running account, to rectify a mistake otherwise the accounts would be right out of gear.

Witness: I cannot say such a mistake was or was not made, but defendant saw me with these accounts.

You don't suggest you called a meeting of the partners before you tore the leaf out, did you?—But defendant was there.

You don't suggest there was a meeting of the partners, do you?—Wong Kam-po and defendant were both present.

Do you suggest you obtained the concurrence of all the partners before you took that leaf out?—All the partners saw me do the accounts.

On Mr. Jenkin reiterating the question, witness replied: It naturally follows that they saw me do it.

Counsel: You say it naturally follows you obtained the concurrence of the partners?—Yes.

Then you remember extracting the leaf, do you, after obtaining the consent of the partners?—I cannot remember clearly. It was such a long time back.

A Page Torn Out.

The only reason for extracting the leaf on that occasion would be that you did make a mistake in entry upon it?—That would be.

Producing the same year book, Counsel pointed to a page marked as No. 42, and asked if the entries were in witness' handwriting. Witness replied in the affirmative.

Counsel: Opposite that page is another one marked 44. Is that in your own handwriting also?—Yes.

A page that would have been Page 43 had been extracted out. Had it not been?

Witness on stating he was unable to see the tear which would indicate a missing page, was pressed by Counsel to look "carefully into it."

He was asked to observe the line of tear extending vertically down the book. "What do you think

FAREWELL DANCE.

ENJOYABLE EVENING AT LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

The large attendance at the farewell dance given by the Sanitary Department Officers' Sports Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant last night, to Dr. H. A. Fawcett, who recently resigned from the Government service was in itself eloquent testimony to the popularity of the Doctor during his short period of office as Acting Medical Officer of Health.

About fifty couples took the floor at the commencement of the dance, but the number increased as time went by, until midnight, when an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Mr. W. J. Carle, on behalf of the Sanitary Department, presented Dr. Fawcett with a silver tray, while Mrs. Fawcett was the recipient of a silver-mounted clock.

Dr. Fawcett suitably replied, thanking the donors for himself and on behalf of his wife.

That is, between the leaves?" asked Counsel.

Witness: It appears to have been left from a page.

Counsel: Do you think it can be anything else than a tear? I am not charging you with any offence. I am only asking you if there is a page here which has been torn out?

Witness admitted that such was the case.

Counsel: Of course it is. It runs all the way down. It is a running account from which this page has been torn?—Yes.

Therefore the same position applies to this other extract from the Ping Yau year book.—It was defendant who figured out the accounts. I did the writing.

Nothing Improper.

I don't care who figured out the accounts and who did the writing. That leaf was extracted contemporaneously with the making of the accounts, was it not?—Yes.

The only reason you can have for tearing out pages I suggest to you, is that some mistake had been made upon those pages? The page which should have been page 82 had been torn out of these pages?—Yes.

I am not suggesting anything improper about it. I am suggesting it has been torn out?—It would appear to be so by looking at it.

You don't suggest that anything that had been done with the tearing out of those pages was not honest, do you?—The book was not in my custody.

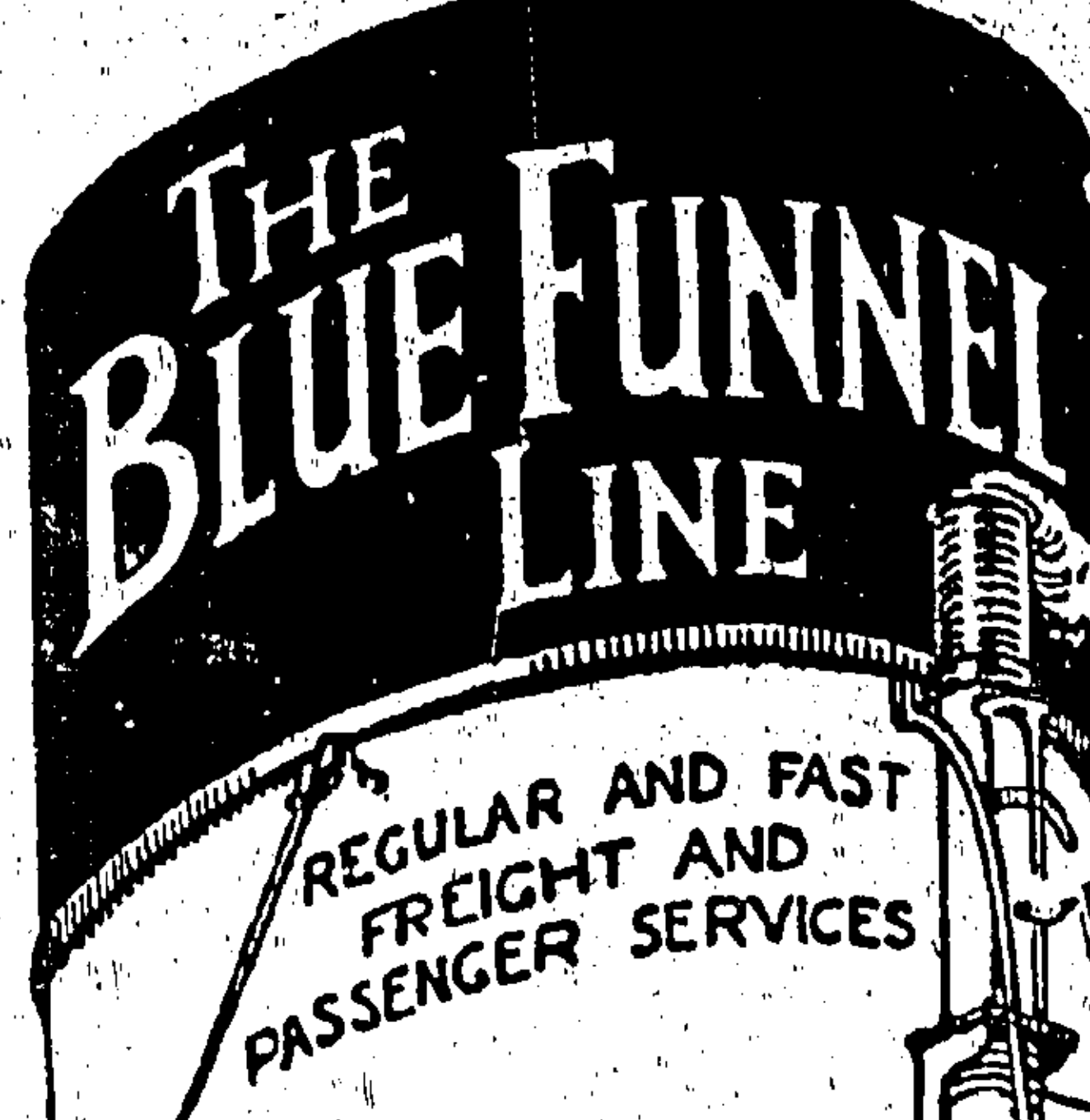
Do you suggest then that there is anything dishonest in these entries?—That depends on the statement of accounts.

These three papers were found in the waste-paper basket you mentioned. You took them away, you pasted them together on this sheet and you have studied and considered them?—I did read, but not carefully.

Take Exhibit "S1" one of the pieces. Tell us what fraud or wrongdoing you can suggest with regard to that document?—They didn't really have anything to do with me, seeing that I had only picked them up.

Witness after being pressed, finally admitted that the documents had nothing to do with the charges, or had any effect on his mind with regard to the charges.

The case was adjourned.



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Company have placed orders for
two new ferries with the Kowloon
Dock. The two boats are to be of
the bigger type, similar to the
"Northern Star" now in use in the
Star Ferry Company.

A Press representative learned
from the management of
the Hongkong and Yaumati
Ferry Company yesterday
that work on the construction of
these two new ferries has begun
and it is anticipated that they
will be completed in about seven
and a half months, when they will
be put into use on the Shumshuipo,
Mongkok, Yaumati-Hongkong ser-
vice. The new boats will have
accommodation for 500 passengers,
and will be named Man Tak and
Man Chi. They are 116 feet long
and 28 feet in breadth.

The management of the Yaumati
Ferry Company added that the
Company now has about 17 vessels
plying between Hongkong and the
Mainland, and with the comple-
tion of the two bigger ferries
it is possible that there may be
some slight changes in the
schedules of the Yaumati Ferry,
converting the 12 minutes service
into a 10 minutes one, thus saving
much time.

Modern New Wharves.

The management of the Yaumati
Ferry Company also stated that
the present wharves used for the
Shumshuipo, Mongkok and Yaumati
Ferry services are to be replaced
by new wharves and it is the intention
of the Government to rebuild and

COUNCIL MEETING.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MUI
TSUI ORDINANCE.

Seven Bills which were read a
first time last week passed all their
remaining stages at yesterday's
meeting of the Legislative Council.
His Excellency the Governor (Sir
Geoffrey Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided,
and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Of-
ficer Commanding the Troops
(Major General J. W. Sandilands,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon.
Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir
Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Af-
fairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington
(Director of Medical and Sanitary
Services).

Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Captain
Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K. C.
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kewell, C.M.G.,
L.L.D.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.
Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.
Hon. Dr. S. W. Tsao, C.B.E.,
L.L.D.

Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith.
Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Deputy
Clerk of Councils).

Mui Tsui Ordinance.

During the Committee stage of
the Ordinance to amend the Female
Domestic Service Ordinance, 1923,
the Attorney General moved two
amendments. In clause two he
proposed as an amendment the in-
sertion after the word "bring" in
the first line of the proposed new
section 4A, the words "or cause to
be brought." He said: "The first
line of the new section will then be,
'No person shall hereafter bring,
or cause to be brought into the Colony,
any *mui tsui* into the Colony.' It is
probable the person bringing the
girl in may not bring her in himself
but may cause her to be brought
in by someone else."

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.—As re-
gards this clause, is it the intention
of the Government that a master
of a river boat should be made
liable to the penalties under this
Ordinance if he were to bring a
mui tsui into the Colony without
acknowledging he was bringing
such *mui tsui*?

The Attorney General.—No, Sir,
the assumption is that any pro-
hibition contains an assumption
that the offender has guilty know-
ledge. In other words, in order to
obtain a conviction under this
clause we have to show that the per-
son charged had guilty knowledge.
The master of a ship would prob-
ably have no guilty knowledge and
is therefore not liable to any
penalty.

Master's Responsibility.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.—As at
present provided, the amending
clause may be construed as mean-
ing any person bringing a *mui tsui*
into the Colony, and to remove that
ambiguity I would suggest that the
Hon. Attorney General should so
word the section as to exclude any
master of a river boat bringing a
mui tsui into the Colony without

extend the present Shumshuipo
and Mongkok wharves in the Main-
land making them up-to-date. The
reconstruction of these wharves
will, it is hoped, be completed
early next year, by the time the
two new ferry boats are put on the
run.

the knowledge that such *mui tsui*
was travelling in his boat to Hong-
kong.

H. E. The Governor.—Would
it not in that case be equally neces-
sary to put in some proviso cov-
ering, say, the case of a driver of a
train, or the driver of a motor car
or the master of a junk? I think
that what the Attorney General has
said on the subject is quite clear.
No one can be convicted under the
section unless it is shown he has
guilty knowledge. Of course, if the
master of a ship or driver of a
train or the driver of a motor car,
or whoever he may be, had guilty
knowledge he would probably be
convicted. I cannot myself believe
that a prosecution would be brought
against the master of a ship unless
there was very good ground for be-
lieving that he had guilty know-
ledge.

The amendment was approved.
A New Sub-Section.

In clause 6, the Attorney Gen-
eral moved that the following
words be inserted at the end:
"And the following sub-section is
substituted therefor:—

"(2) No person shall without
lawful authority or excuse have in
his employment, custody or control
any unregistered *mui tsui*."

He said: "The effect of that,
Sir, will be to put in the principal
Ordinance a section saying that no
person must have an unregistered
mui tsui in his custody or control.
The object of the amendment is
this: without that amendment the
Ordinance would contain two pro-
visions, firstly, that every employer
of a *mui tsui* who is in the Colony
when Part III comes into force
must register that *mui tsui*, and
secondly, that no person must here-
after bring in any *mui tsui* to the
Colony. If we should, say, a year
hence find in someone's employment
an unregistered *mui tsui* we should
not be able to prove if she was here
at the commencement of Part III
or whether she was imported after
the commencement of this
Ordinance. We should therefore
not know under which of these two
provisions to prosecute. I think
it is advisable to have in the Or-
dinance a simple prohibition with
regard to the finding of any un-
registered *mui tsui* in anyone's pos-
session and prosecution could be
taken under this new proposed sub-
section."

The Colonial Secretary seconded
the amendment which was approved.
The Bill subsequently passed its
third reading and became law.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed all
their remaining stages and became
law:

An Ordinance to make provisions
with respect to the British Mer-
cantile Marine Uniform.

An Ordinance to amend the Uni-
forms Ordinance, 1895.

An Ordinance to amend the Pro-
tection of Women and Girls Or-
dinance, 1897.

An Ordinance to amend the
Watchmen Ordinance, 1928.

An Ordinance to amend the In-
dustrial Employment of Children
Ordinance, 1922.

An Ordinance to provide for the
incorporation of the Trustees of
the Charter Masonic Scholarship
Fund.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the
puzzle on another page.
PEAR, TEAR, TEAM, TRAM,
THAY, TREY, TREE.

LOCAL BROADCAST.

FAREWELL BAND CONCERT
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One of the most popular con-
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will be devoted exclusively to the
farewell performance of the New
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H.M.S. Titania.

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one of the best liked in Hongkong,
and it is with genuine regret that
residents will wish *bon voyage* to
the musicians when the Titania
sails. Their programme to-night
is as follows:

Fox Trot "You're in My Heart."
Fox Trot (Slow)

"What Do We Care."
Fox Trot (Tag) "Old Vienna."
Waltz "Ninette."

Paul Jones "Number One."
Fox Trot (Slow)

"Do Something."
Waltz (Twilight)
"Carolina Moon."

Grand March.
Interval.
Fox Trot "Dream Train."

Fox Trot (Tag)
"Sunrise to Sunset."
Fox Trot (Slow)

"Glad Rag Doll."
Waltz (Twilight)
"For Old Time's Sake."

Paul Jones "Number Two."
Fox Trot "Half Way to Heaven."
One Step "Mine."

Waltz (Twilight)
"Seapolitan Nights."
Fox Trot "Happy Days."

Fox Trot "Baby Dear."
Good-night.
Extra Fox Trot "What A Girl."

What A Night.
I'm Telling You.
Kiddies' Hour.

Auntie Joan announces that she
and Uncle Dick will entertain the
kiddies at the usual time to-night.
More members are wanted for the
"Fairy Circle," even though its
numbers have grown apace since
its formation a few days ago.

Plans are under way for a
special Poppy Day concert, when
the studio hopes to present its best
programme to date. Full particu-
lars together with the date on
which the concert will be held, will
be published within a few days.

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share reports etc. in Chinese and
English.

12.30-1.30 p.m. Demonstration pro-
gramme, (Chinese and European
records). For use of the radio
dealers.

1.45 p.m. Weather report.
2.00-2.30 p.m. Programme of Eng-
lish records, (Columbia records by
the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson
Music Co. Ltd.).

"I Can't Give You Anything
But Love."
"Mistakes" (Lynton).

Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
"The Turkish Patrol" (Micheletti).
"American Patrol" (Meehan).

Organ Solo, G. T. Pattman.
"Jazzette" (William and Nicholas).
"I Feel Good Over Heels in Love,"
Baritone, Ramon Newton.

"The Meanderings of Monty, No. 21."
My Boy's Career,
Monologue by Milton Hayes.

"Madrigale" (Simonetti).
"Czardas" (Monti).

Violin Solo, Yvonne Curti.
5.30-6.00 p.m. Children's hour.
Auntie Joan, Uncle Dick and Uncle
Jeff will entertain the Kiddies.

6.00-7.00 p.m. Programme of Chi-
nese music, (Beka records by the
courtesy of Messrs. Canton Trading
Association, Ltd.).

7.48 p.m. Evening weather report.
8.30 p.m. Titania's farewell carni-
val relay from Lane Crawford's Res-
taurant.

11.00 p.m. (approx.) Close down.

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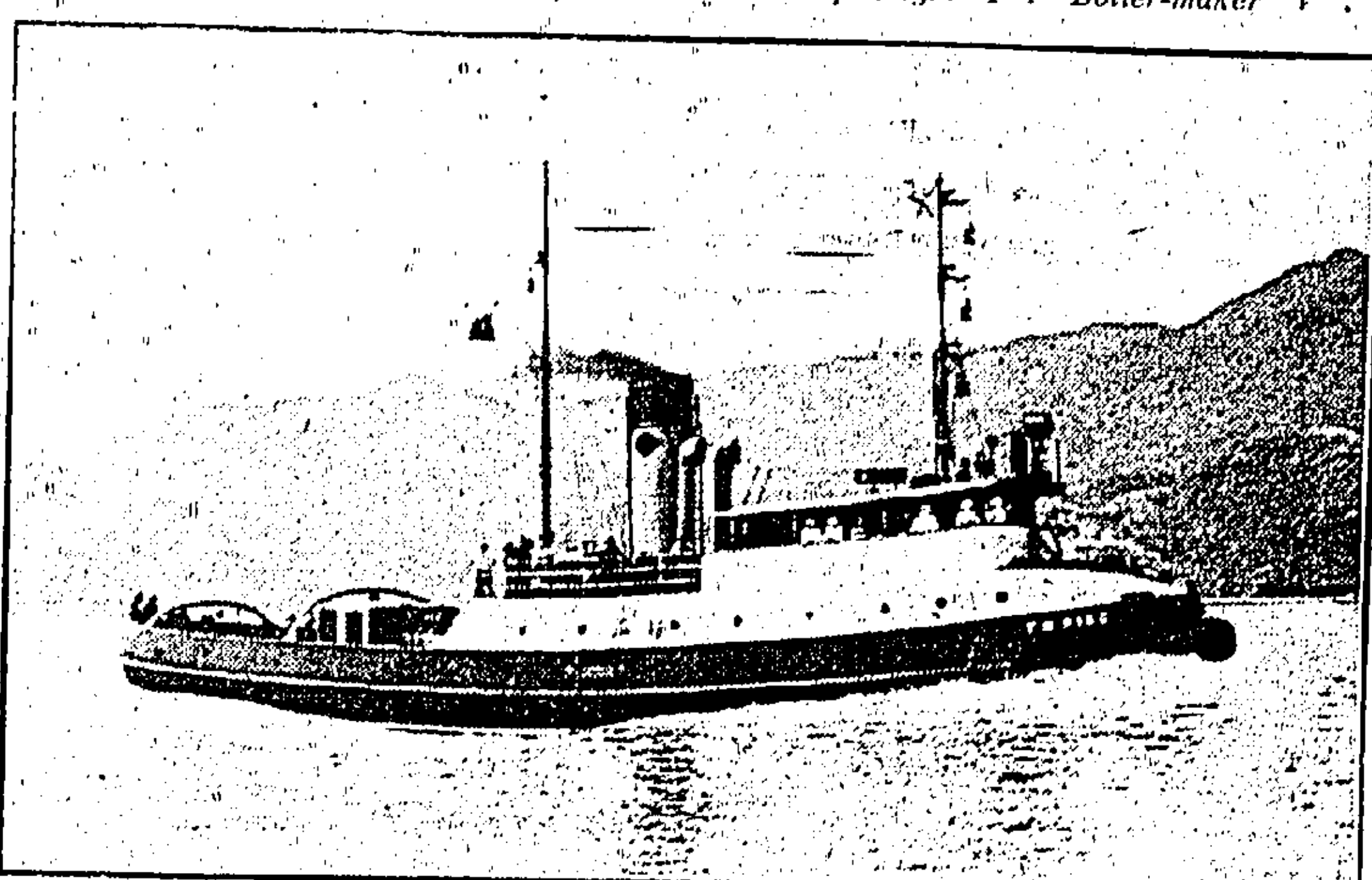
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DENTIST ROBBED BY BURGLAR.

MAN STEALS TWENTY-FIVE
GOLD TEETH.

CUSTOM REVERSED.

How a Chinese robbed a dentist of 25 gold teeth was described to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Chan Chao was charged with burglariously entering the dwelling house of Li Yui-chu, a dentist, of 265, Queen's Road West, first floor, and stealing the teeth, valued at \$190.

An Indian constable said he was on duty in Kwi Hung Street, when he heard an alarm and saw defendant running in Queen's Road. He stopped the man, and, as he did so, accused dropped a packet in the street, which witness picked up and discovered that it contained gold teeth. He searched the defendant and then took him back to 265, Queen's Road, whence the alarm was raised. At the house he found that entry had been gained by forcing open a window and cutting through bamboo sticks which barricaded it.

The complainant said he was disturbed whilst sleeping in his cubicle by the creaking of the door, and he woke up to see a man standing in the doorway. As soon as he saw him, the man started to run away, and witness gave chase shouting "Stop thief!" The man, whom he recognised as the defendant, ran into the street and was there stopped by the constable.

The defendant pleaded that, when searched, nothing was found in his possession.

The Magistrate decided to convict and in sentencing the man to six months' imprisonment, said he appeared to have reversed the usual order of things—instead of the dentist taking teeth from him, he had taken them from the dentist.

OLIVE BRANCH HELD OUT TO INDIA.

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minion Status not being granted this year.

It is, however, evident from the little information so far available from India that the Proclamation has met with a good reception.

Satisfaction Expressed.

Members of the Central Indian Committee, departing for India to-day, were interviewed by Reuters representative and they expressed satisfaction with the latest development.

Dr. Paranjpye, a Liberal Member of the Indian Council, who declined to co-operate with the Simon Commission, is now in London, and he told Reuters that the Viceroy's statement largely meets the point of view of the Liberals.—Reuters.

Politicians Gratified.

Bombay, Nov. 1. Following a meeting of the leaders of all shades of political opinion in Bombay to-day, a statement was issued for publication that the leaders were of the opinion that the Declaration of the Viceroy with regard to Dominion Status was satisfactory.

The leaders also express their appreciation of the fundamental change in procedure contemplated, under which representatives of India will be invited to a Conference. They trust that the representatives invited will be such as will command the confidence of the people of India.—Reuters.

Disapproval in London.

London, Nov. 1. It is believed that Sir John Simon does not approve of the Government's action in making the Declaration before the Statutory Commission has submitted its Report.

It is also understood that the Conservative leaders, as well as the Liberals, disapprove of the Government action in making a statement at the present time.—Reuters.

WIDOWS PENSIONS.

HILL PASSES ITS SECOND
READING.

London, Oct. 31. The House of Commons to-day passed the second reading of the Widows' and Old Age Pensions Bill, which provides for the grant of pensions to an additional half a million widows, involving the State in the expenditure of approximately \$8,000,000.—Reuters.

The motor ship Tungsha (Wm. Wilhelmson) is due here on the 11th November with cargo from Norway and ports.

FORWARD SELLING OF RUBBER.

DEADLY WEAPON IN HANDS
OF BUYERS.

THE SELLING POOL.

London, Oct. 31. The view that the Dutch proposal to establish a Rubber Selling Pool in order to stabilise prices cannot be effected voluntarily was expressed by Mr. J. Loudon Shand, the Chairman of the Sengat Rubber Company, at the annual meeting here.

"There are so many and diverse interests involved in such a Scheme that it could not be carried out voluntarily, but would require to be organised by the Government," he said.

Mr. Loudon Shand added that had the Dutch supported the Stevenson Restriction Scheme there would have been no necessity at present to stabilise the market or for any financial scheme.

Mr. H. W. Mullett, writing in the Financial Times, declares that selling forward at below an economic figure is the curse of the rubber industry. This forward selling places a deadly weapon in the hands of the buyers. He points out the significance of the fact that the Americans, though now able to buy raw rubber freely at near cost of production, are still turning out as much reclaimed rubber as when prices were high.

He states it has taken twelve months for the stocks at London and Liverpool to increase by 23,500 tons, whereas in only five months (ended September) American stocks and afloat have decreased by 29,000 tons.—Straits Times.

FRENCH PREMIER?



M. Andre Tardieu, who has accepted the invitation of President Doumergue to attempt to form a Cabinet.

REVOLVER RANGE TRESPASS.

MILITARY LOSE NO FEWER
THAN 500 SACKS.

A fine of \$3, or five days' hard labour in default, was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a 19-year-old Chinese who was charged with trespassing on the military revolver range on the Tai-po Road.

His Worship said that the defendant was rather too old for the game. He could not go on cautioning these people indefinitely. He had to do something.

Sub-Inspector Hoare mentioned that since May the military had to replace 500 sacks on the range at a cost of 5s. 10d. each.

On leaving the dock, the defendant mumbled to himself, causing his Worship to ask the interpreter what he had said.

According to the interpreter, the defendant expressed surprise at being fined \$3.

His Worship:—Why? Does he think it is too little?

A QUICK RETURN.

BANISHEE COMES BACK
AFTER TWO WEEKS.

Within two weeks of being banished for a period of five years, a Chinese returned to the Colony and was this morning charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, with disobeying the deportation order.

On looking at the defendant's record, his Worship remarked that he had actually been banished on October 19. The defendant, he said, had not taken very long to come back again.

The defendant replied that he was told by a friend to return to Hongkong to get some money.

His Worship asked if he always did what friends instructed him to do, the defendant replying that he was actually brought back by the friend.

THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE.

MOSCOW AWAITING RESULT
OF CIVIL WAR.

GERMANY WITHDRAWS

Canton, Oct. 31.

A wireless message from Nanking states that Germany has declined to continue mediation between China and Russia.

News from Moscow states that M. Stalin, the President of the U.S.S.R.; M. Karakhan, the delegate for Far Eastern Affairs; and General Galens, the Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern Forces, met last week to decide on measures to be taken in regard to the Chinese Eastern Railway.

General Galens reported on the situation in the North-West, and on activities of the communists Chu and Mo and General Chanw Fat-kwei in the South.

M. Karakhan reported on the state of the three Eastern Provinces, and said they would have to await the result of China's civil war before carrying out further operations.—Canton News Agency.

BO'SUN'S WIFE IN TOUBLE.

CONVICTED FOR POSSESSION
OF OPIUM.

Charged with having in her possession 30 tins of prepared opium, Kan Tung, the wife of the bo'sun of the s.s. Wing On, said she had the drug given to her by Chang Wing, nicknamed "Moh Kwa Chi," who was the pilot of the boat. Subsequently, Revenue Officers made enquiries concerning this "Moh Kwa Chi" and found that he had a brother, the quartermaster of the ship, who boasted the same name and the same address.

All three appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy to-day, charged with possession of illicit opium.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., defended and pleaded guilty on behalf of the woman.

Revenue Officer, Grimmett said the opium was found tied round the woman's waist as she was coming off the Wing On. When he approached the woman's husband, he denied all knowledge of the affair, and said that she would have to take the consequences.

In convicting the woman, and inflicting a fine of \$3,000 or 12 months' imprisonment, Mr. Hamilton said he did not know how far the two men were implicated in the affair, but the woman had taken the blame and she would have to suffer the penalty. If they took his advice, they would stick to their seamenlike duties and keep off opium smuggling.

JUNK'S ARMOURY.

MASTER TOO LAZY TO
REGISTER RIFLES.

The master of a trading junk appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of having in his possession two rifles and 33 rounds of ammunition without a permit.

According to Sergeant Galvin, the defendant had a permit to possess four muskets but the two rifles and ammunition were in addition to the armament allowed. The police were not pressing for a heavy fine, as it was not considered that defendant had the arms for an unlawful purpose.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant said that he had used the rifles.

It was stated that the defendant was in port during September but had been too lazy to have the rifles added to his permit.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

WAR OF ATTRITION IN HONAN?

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Commander of the 5th Route Army, has reported to Nanking claiming that his forces have defeated the Kuominchun under General Sung Liang-cheng near Loyang. He says the Kuominchun troops have evacuated Loyang and are now retreating westward. The report adds that Government troops are ready to enter the city at any moment.

Another military communique reaching Nanking states that Government troops under General Tang Seng-chi encountered the Kuominchun early yesterday morning at Chiu Yew, in the vicinity of Loyang. After several small clashes the Kuominchun forces quickly retreated to the west of Loyang. The Government troops are now following up closely on the heels of the Kuominchun.—Nam Chung Po.

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NORTH WINDS.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has extended North-eastward to South Manchuria. A depression is situated to the East of Hokkaido. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—winds, fresh; fine.

We have seldom seen him in better work. He is ably backed up by Eva von Berne, who reminds us occasionally of Greta Garbo, whose fine work in this picture raises the query raised by a recent correspondent as to why we have not heard more of her. Alma Rabens, Ralph Forbes and Theodore Roberts all take their parts well. "The Masks of the Devil," which is being shown up to and including Saturday, is well worth seeing.